### Last Rays of Light

For the perfecting of the saints... Eph 4:12

#### H. Tell the World - 001. Overview

**SUMMARY:** Theme H shows **how** you acquire the 6<sup>th</sup> mark of discipleship, **overcoming witness**, by taking steps **16 to 18** in the discipling process.

#### **Theme Details**

#### H1. Enable the Latter Rain Power

- Two Steps in Glorification
- · Two Ways to Glorify God

#### H2. Reflect the Character of Jesus

- The Global Day of Atonement
- The Afflicting of Our Souls

#### H3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus

- Count the Cost of Witnessing
- Act on Your Mission Strategy

#### **Purpose**

#### To help participants

recognize and meet the conditions for the outpouring of the power of the latter rain:

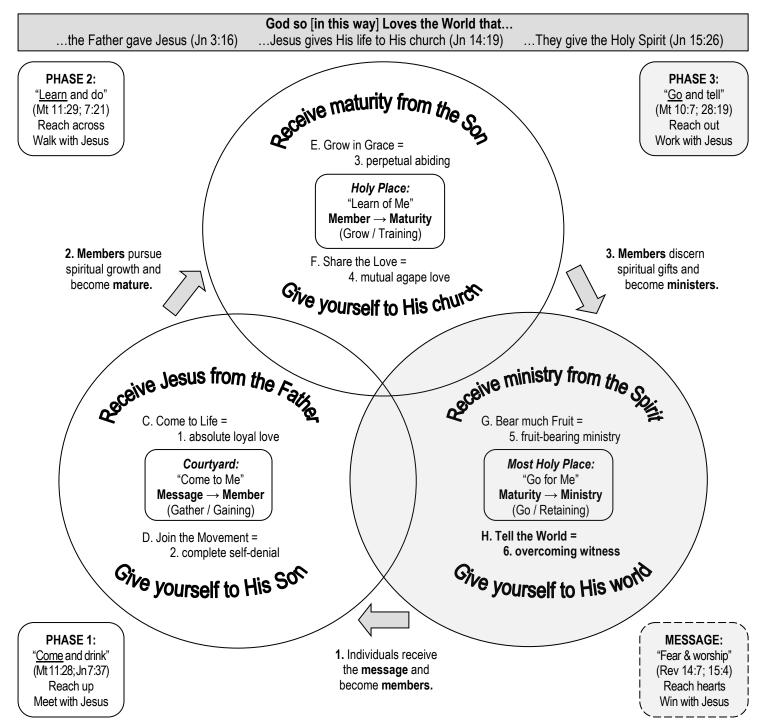
- **1. Pray** and prepare for its outpouring, while working in anticipation of the promise.
- 2. Afflict their souls in deep heart searching to receive the needed purity and unity.
- **3. Agree** to the cost of witnessing, and implement the stated mission strategy.

| PHASE / Section                 |         | Need I: REVIVAL                     | - Apostolic Faith and Godli               | ness                       |                |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------|
|                                 | 1st Le  | vel: Calling the Church – Why God C | alls Disciples = Requires the N           | Marks                      | I have / do it |
|                                 | This    | Theme                               | Need                                      | Response                   | hardly → daily |
|                                 |         | A. Sound the Trumpet                | 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mark    | of Discipleship            |                |
| Awareness                       |         | 1. Awake to Our Present Time        | 1. win the final battle                   | 1. absolute loyal love     |                |
| and<br>Decision                 |         | 2. Stand on the Side of Truth       | 2. guard against deception                | 2. complete self-denial    |                |
| Decision                        |         | 3. Qualify for the Seal of God      | 3. be secure in Jesus                     | 3. perpetual abiding       |                |
| Preparedness                    |         | B. Hear the Call                    | 4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Mark    | of Discipleship            |                |
| and                             |         | Join the Revival and Reformation    | 4. work with members                      | 4. mutual agape love       |                |
| Precision                       |         | 2. Fulfill the Divine Commission    | <ol><li>use talents effectively</li></ol> | 5. fruit-bearing ministry  |                |
| FIECISIOII                      |         | 3. Be Ready to Stand at Last        | 6. be fully equipped                      | 6. overcoming witness      |                |
|                                 | 2nd Le  | evel: Growing the Church – How We I | Make Disciples = Acquire the I            | Marks                      |                |
|                                 | This    | Theme                               | Step                                      | Result                     |                |
| PHASE 1:                        |         | C. Come to Life                     |   | hip: absolute loyal love   |                |
| Courtyard                       |         | 1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus      | (1) believe Gospel                        | (1) grateful surrender     |                |
| "Come to Me" = Pardon           |         | 2. Receive Justification by Faith   | (2) receive justification                 | (2) truthful conversion    |                |
| (Look back to                   |         | 3. Obey Jesus from Love             | (3) love commandments                     | (3) joyful obedience       |                |
| His life & sacrifice)           |         | D. Join the Movement                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mark of Disciples         | hip: complete self-denial  |                |
| $Message \to Member$            |         | Accept Our Prophetic Identity       | (4) accept identity                       | (4) purposeful membership  |                |
| (Gather / Gaining)              |         | 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs           | (5) grasp teaching                        | (5) meaningful conviction  |                |
| (Reach up)                      |         | 3. Order Your Life as a Steward     | (6) (re)order life                        | (6) faithful stewardship   |                |
|                                 |         | Need II: REFORMATION                | <b>ON</b> – End-Time Lifestyle and        | d Ministry                 |                |
| PHASE 2:                        |         | E. Grow in Grace                    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mark of Disciples         | ship: perpetual abiding    |                |
| Holy Place                      |         | 1. Let Jesus Form Within            | (7) form Jesus                            | (7) spiritual growth       |                |
| "Learn of Me" = Purity          |         | 2. Study the Word of God            | (8) study Word                            | (8) doctrinal purity       |                |
| (Look up for                    |         | 3. Pray According to God's Will     | (9) pray in the Spirit                    | (9) personal worship       |                |
| His presence & Spirit)          |         | F. Share the Love                   |   | ship: mutual agape love    |                |
| Member → Maturity               |         | 1. Exercise Christlike Love         | (10) practice love                        | (10) effectual unity       |                |
| (Grow / Training)               |         | 2. Contribute to Church Meetings    | (11) value groups                         | (11) communal worship      |                |
| (Reach Across)                  |         | 3. Help with Practical Support      | (12) serve needs                          | (12) practical support     |                |
| PHASE 3:                        |         | G. Bear much Fruit                  |   | ip: fruit-bearing ministry |                |
| Most Holy Place                 |         | Recognize and Confirm All Talents   | (13) recognize talents                    | (13) doubtless certainty   |                |
| "Go for Me" = Power             |         | 2. Organize and Combine All Talents | (14) organize talents                     | (14) classless teamwork    |                |
| (Look forward to                |         | 3. Utilize and Commend All Talents  | (15) utilize talents                      | (15) selfless service      |                |
| His work & return)              | •       | H. Tell the World                   |   | nip: overcoming witness    |                |
| $Maturity \rightarrow Ministry$ |         | 1. Enable Latter Rain Power         | (16) enable power                         | (16) boundless light       |                |
| (Go / Retaining)                |         | 2. Reflect the Character of Jesus   | (17) reflect Jesus                        | (17) spotless life         |                |
| (Reach out)                     | <b></b> | 3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus       | (18) spread Gospel                        | (18) fearless fight        |                |

#### H. Tell the World - 002. Dynamic Circles of Love

SUMMARY: Consider and appreciate now the giving side of that circle of love, which forms phase 3 in the discipling process.

The first theme and mark of discipleship in each phase cover the <u>receiving</u> side of the relationship, the second theme and mark the <u>giving</u> side. Jesus said, "Come to Me, Learn of Me." (Mt 11:28-30); then, "Go for Me into all the world." (Mk 16:15; Mt 28:20). So the three circles of love together form the <u>process</u> by which Jesus builds His church (Mt 16:18): **1.** He calls her to Himself (Mt 16:24), **2.** grows her into His full stature (Eph 4:13; 5:27), and **3.** sends her to complete her number (Rom 11:25-26). Then He will return to take His beloved bride home into God's eternal glory (Jn 14:1-3).



#### H. Tell the World – 1. Enable the Latter Rain Power – 101. The Two Parts of Glorification

SUMMARY: As you progress in sanctification, you enter into the third stage of salvation, glorification by faith according to its two parts.

Glorification is the third stage of salvation, or God's restoration of humanity into the likeness of Jesus. The righteousness of Jesus is reflected in the believer through the Holy Spirit within (1 Co 3:16; Gal 4:19; Col 1:27; 3:10; 2 Pe 1:4). "The Lord calls upon His Church to arise and shine amid the moral darkness. His people are to be a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men." (*RH 02-11-1902*).

The ark of the covenant was the only piece of furniture in the Most Holy Place. It contained the two tables of the moral law, covered by the mercy seat, above which the presence of God was manifested. The law and the mercy seat symbolize the two complementary aspects of God's character and plan of salvation: His justice and His mercy, both of which have met and were completely satisfied at the cross (Ps 85:10; Rom 3:20-26; *PP 349*). This grace of God leads His people to surrender their lives to Him to His glory, both individually and as a church.

The Shekinah glory of God's presence was the place from where God communicated His will for His people. It was accessed only once a year by the high priest. God's people rejoice that they always have free access to His word and to His throne through Jesus now, and when Jesus comes He will give them glorified bodies like His, so they can dwell in God's presence and serve Him (Rev 7:15; 22:3).

Will God's remnant people glorify God in their bodies now so Jesus can give them glorious bodies soon?

| Two   | Two The Type or Symbols: The Antitype or Reality: |  |   |   |   |                |  |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|----------------|--|
| Parts   |   | Ark in Most Holy Place (Ex 2   |   |   | Faith (Jn 15:4-8; Rom 8:17)   | hardly → daily |  |
| 1. Ark of Covenant                                      | 1   | The ark was called the ark of the testimony or covenant, as it contained the two tables of stone of the 10 Commandments.   | Ex 26:33; 31:7;<br>Nu 10:33; 14:44;<br>Heb 9:4;<br>Ex 25:16; <i>PP 348</i>                                  | Ex 19:5; Dt 5:29;<br>Mt 5:17; Rom 8:1-4;<br>Mt 19:17; Jn 15:10;<br>Rev 11:19; <i>PP</i> 349                                       | Believers recognize the moral law as the code of righteousness in God's old and new covenants, and thus as the rule of judgment.  |                |  |
| Tables<br>of Law<br>and<br>Mercy                        | 2   | Above the tables of the law, mounted on the mercy seat, were two cherubim looking downward toward the ark.   | Ex 25:17-21;<br>Eze 1:11;<br>PP 348-349   | Ex 25:18-20;<br>PP 348-349;<br>PP 64;<br>AA 152-153   | Believers realize that angels regard the law with reverence, and are interested and involved in the plan of salvation.  | 00000          |  |
| Seat  Believers glorify God through holy life           | 4   | From the mercy seat God daily pardoned the repentant sinner, and on the Day of Atonement cleansed the sanctuary by blood. In gratefulness to God for a final offer of mercy on that Judgment day, God's people afflicted their | Ex 25:21, 34;<br>Ex 30:6-8;<br>Lev 16:11-17;<br>PP 353-355<br>Lev 16:29-34;<br>Lev 23:27-32;<br>PP 355-356; | Rom 3:21-26;<br>Heb 7:25;<br>Ac 3:19; Rev 3:5;<br>PP 357-358<br>Da 7:10, 13; 8:14;<br>1 Pe 4:17; Mt 22:11;<br>1 Jn 1:9; Rev 7:14; | Believers claim by faith that Jesus pardons their sins by His shed blood, and finally blots out their record in His judgment. Believers recognize that the time of God's judgment has come. They afflict their souls so Jesus |                |  |
| and<br>service  |   | souls for complete pardon, so as to remain part of His people, and to rejoice in their salvation.  | Lev 23:39-40  | Jn 15:8; Rom 12:1;<br>1 Co 6:20; Eph 3:10;<br>1 Pe 4:7-11; 12-19  | may completely cleanse them and enable them to glorify Him, individually and as His church.   |                |  |
| 2.<br>Ark of<br>Covenant                                | 5   | Above the mercy seat, between the two cherubim, was the visible manifestation of God's presence or Shekinah glory, from where  | Ex 25:21-22;<br>PP 349  | Rom 12:1-2;<br>2 Ti 3:16;<br>Jn 16:12-13;<br>Jn 14:17; 15:26;   | Believers have the inspired Word of God to know His will. They seek the guidance of His indwelling Holy Spirit,   | 0000           |  |
| Presence<br>of<br>Shekinah<br>Glory<br>Jesus            | 6   | God communicated His will.  Only the high priest could enter into God's immediate presence, but even he only once a year, and only by blood and by incense under danger of death.  | Lev 16:2;<br>Lev 16:12-17, 25;<br>Heb 9:6-8;<br><i>PP 353</i>   | 1 Jn 4:6; Rev 3:18<br>Rom 5:1-2;<br>Eph 2:18; 3:12;<br>Heb 10:12-22   | Who gives them discernment.  Believers are grateful that under the new covenant, they have free access to God at any time by the blood and intercession of Jesus, the new and living way.                                     |                |  |
| glorifies<br>believers<br>through<br>immortal<br>bodies | 7   | Otherwise, nobody ever entered into God's immediate presence. God's two dwellings, the Most Holy Place in the sanctuary and the New Jerusalem, are the only  | Heb 9:8  Ex 26:15-25, 33; 1 Ki 6:20; Rev 21:16  | 1 Co 15:51-58;<br>Php 3:20-21;<br>1 Th 4:15-17;<br>1 Ti 6:14-16;<br>Rev 7:14-15;  | Believers look forward to the second coming of Jesus, to receive glorious bodies like His, in which they will be able to live, rejoice, and serve in God's  |                |  |
| like His  |   | cubes. Jesus' bride not only has access to God, but will ever live in the eternal Most Holy Place.   |   | Rev 15:5; 22:3;<br>1 Jn 3:1-3;<br>Rev 14:3-5  | personal presence forever,<br>because they will be completely<br>sinless, just as Jesus Himself is.   |                |  |

#### H. Tell the World - 1. Enable the Latter Rain Power - 102. The Three Ways to Glorify God

SUMMARY: You take step 16 in the discipling process, as you seek to glorify God in your life in the power of both the former and the latter rain.

God's remnant people are still waiting with great anticipation for the second coming of Jesus, their "blessed hope" (Tit 2:13). Jesus will give them glorified bodies and take them to heaven so they can forever be with Him, share in His glory (Php 3:21; Col 3:4; 1 Th 4:17; 1 Pe 5:1, 10), see God face to face, and serve Him (Rom 8:17-18; 2 Th 2:14; Heb 2:10; 1 Pe 1:11; 4:13; 5:1, 10; Rev 7:14-15; 15:5; 22:3). This glorious future will be the satisfaction and joy of Jesus that was set before Him and helped Him endure the cross for our sakes (Isa 53:11; Heb 12:2; *DA 624*). In response to His sacrificial love, God's people love to glorify Him 1. in their bodies, 2. as a body or church, 3. in death.

God's people glorify Him, reflect His character, as they wait and watch for the coming of the Lord in an active manner, by sanctifying obedience and sincere ministry (Rom 13:11-14; Heb 10:25; 2 Pe 3:11-14). "Christians are not to await their Lord's return in idle expectancy. While waiting and watching they are to be vigilant in purifying their own souls by obedience to the truth, and to be earnest in working for others [*DA 634*]. It is their privilege 'not only to look for but to hasten the coming of the day of God' (*DA 633*)." (*5BC 505*). We need the former and the latter rain (*TM 506-508*) for purification as well as for ministry; all are necessary to end the delay of Jesus' coming. Are we ready?

|    | We Glorify God<br>In This Way →<br>As we                                  | I. In Life:<br>In Our Own Bodies<br>(1 Co 6:20; 10:31) | II. In Life:<br>As a Church Body<br>(Jn 15:8; 2 Th 1:10-12)          | III. In Death: As Last Day Martyrs (Jn 21:19; Rev 14:12-13) | I see / do this<br>hardly → daily |  |  |  |  |
|----|---|--|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1  | 1seek the Baptism of the Ho   | oly Spirit as the Former Rain                          | (Mt 3:11; Jn 1:33; Ac 1:5; 2:38;                                     | 8:14-17; 10:47).  |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 2  | let the Holy Spirit convict us  | of sin (Jn 16:8), that is,                             | of righteousness (Jn 16:8),  | of judgment (Jn 16:8), that                                 |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 3  |   | unbelief in Jesus (Jn 16:9)                            | in Jesus' absence (Jn 16:10)   | Satan is judged (Jn 16:11)                                  |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 4  | by  | - earnest prayer for original as                       | s well as daily filling (Lk 3:21; C                                  |   |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 5  | "There must be no neglect of the grace                                    |  | <ul> <li>gathering for waiting, unity,</li> </ul>                    |   |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 6  | [of] the former rain." (TM 507).  |  | - heart searching, repentance  |   |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 7  | respond to the Holy Spirit by   | conversion (Ac 2:38) and                               | mutual love (Jn 13:35) and   | less fear of death (Heb 2:15)                               |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 8  |   | sanctification (1 Co 6:11),                            | using our gifts (1 Co 12:25)   | and more love (1 Jn 4:18)                                   |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 9  | which means   | we take the steps to salvation                         | we make known the plan of  | we are assured of salvation                                 |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 10 |   | (1 Co 1:30; 1 Th 2:13)                                 | salvation (Eph 3:8-11)   | (Php 1:28-30; Heb 10:19-23)                                 |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | and thus overcome evil by   | the blood of the Lamb                                  | the word of our testimony  | not loving our lives unto the                               |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 12 |   | (Rev 12:11; 7:14)                                      | (Rev 12:11; 6:9; 19:10)  | death (Rev 12:11; Jn 12:25)                                 |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | 2seek the Baptism of the Ho   | oly Spirit as the Latter Rain (                        | Joel 2:23, 28-29; Zec 10:1; AA                                       | 54-56).   |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | prepare for the latter rain   | afflict our souls to be forgiven                       | obey the great commission  | be willing to be faithful unto                              |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 15 |   | (Lev 16:29-31; 23:27-31);                              | and the last day commission  | death for Jesus' sake                                       |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 16 |   | keep lamps trimmed (AA 55)                             | (Mt 28:18-20; Rev 10:9-11)   | (Mt 23:34; Rev 2:10)  |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | by  | <ul> <li>genuine repentance, fasting</li> </ul>        | - genuine repentance, fasting, weeping, and mourning (Joel 2:12-13); |   |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 18 |   |  | it, wrong word and action (EW  |   |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 19 |   |  | of flesh and spirit (2 Co 7:1; 1T                                    |   |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | "While we cherish the blessing  |  | s, cleansing soul of <u>every</u> defile                             |   |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | of the early rain, we must not, on the other hand, lose sight of the fact | <ul> <li>daily yielding and witnessing</li> </ul>      | g; standing every test and overc                                     |   |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | that without the latter rainthe harvest                                   |  | <ul> <li>gathering for consecration ar</li> </ul>                    |   |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 23 | will not be ready for the sickle"   |  | - entire, wholehearted consec  |   |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | (TM 506-507).   |  | - be in unity, wait, watch, and                                      |   |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 25 | receive latter rain power   | perfect purity, Jesus <u>in</u> us                     | perfect unity, Jesus <u>in</u> us                                    | perfect love without fear,                                  |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 26 |   | (Rev 14:4-5; Rom 8:10-14;                              | (Jn 17:21-23; Eph 4:3, 13);  | Jesus <u>for</u> us (Heb 2:14-15;                           |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 27 |   | 2 Co 7:1; Eph 5:25-27; Php                             | powerful preaching, Jesus  | 1 Jn 4:18; Rom 8:31-39;                                     |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 28 |   | 2:15; Tit 2:14; 2 Pe 3:14)                             | with us (Mt 28:20; Jn 14:16)   | Heb 11:32-40; Mt 5:48)                                      |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 29 | 3hasten the coming of the L   | ord by removing the reasons                            | for His delay  |   |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 30 | let Him remove the reasons  | unbelief & worldliness                                 | unconsecration & strife  | indolence & slothfulness                                    |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | in us by cleansing us   | (LDE 38) = no faith & purity                           | (LDE 38) = no devotion & unity                                       | (9T 46) = no work & vitality                                |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 32 | let Him remove His reasons  | many more people are yet                               | loud cry is yet to be given in                                       | needs an enduring people                                    |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | by empowering us  | to be saved (2 Pe 3:9)                                 | all the world (Mt 24:14)   | (Mt 5:44; 10:22; Rev 2:10)                                  |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 34 | which results in  | all Israel saved (Rom 11:26)                           | final warning (Rev 18:1-4)   | faithful disciples (Rev 14:12)                              |                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 35 | let Him finish His work   | seal the 144,000 (Rev 7:3)                             | protect from plagues (5T 212)  | return to deliver us (Da 12:1)                              |                                   |  |  |  |  |

#### H. Tell the World – 1. Enable the Latter Rain Power – 103. Phases of Biblical Perfection

SUMMARY: You will not prepare for the latter rain in the power of the former rain, unless you believe that Jesus seeks to make you perfect now.

Perfection is clearly a Biblical teaching. It describes God's character (Dt 32:4; Job 37:16; Ps 18:30; 19:7; Mt 5:48; Rom 12:2) and Jesus (Heb 2:10; 5:9). It is also God's goal for His people (Dt 18:13; Mt 19:21; Lk 6:40; Eph 4:13; Col 1:28; 4:12; 2 Ti 3:17; Heb 13:21; 1 Pe 5:10), and therefore He calls them to perfection (Ge 17:10; Dt 18:13; 1 Ki 8:61; 1 Chr 28:9; Mt 5:48; 2 Co 13:11). Related terms are holiness (Ex 15:11; 19:6; Lev 11:44-45; Ps 30:4; Rom 6:19, 22; Eph 4:24; 5:27; 1 Th 3:13; 1 Pe 1:15-16; 2 Pe 3:11), godliness (Ps 32:6; 12:1; 1 Ti 2:2; 4:8; 2 Ti 3:12; 2 Pe 1:6; 3:30), and blamelessness (Lk 1:6; 1 Co 1:8; Php 2:15; 1 Th 5:23; 2 Pe 3:14).

The references imply that Biblical perfection is attainable in one's lifetime (Ge 6:9; 17:1; 1 Ki 11:4; 15:14; Job 1:1, 8; *LHU* 139). True Christians will not claim it, however (Php 3:12; *FLB* 119), nor should they (*3SM* 354-355; *AA* 562; *TMK* 361). If we claim we have no sin we deceive ourselves and lie (Jn 8:7; 1 Jn 1:8-10), for only Jesus was truly without sin (Jn 8:46; 2 Co 5:21; 1 Pe 2:22; Heb 4:15; 1 Jn 3:5). On the other hand, since we are called to partake of the divine nature (2 Pe 1:4), to perfect holiness in the fear of God (2 Co 7:1), there does come a time when we are perfect in that we actually no longer sin (Jn 5:14; 8:11; Rom 6:1-2, 12-13).

The crucial question then is, when does this phase of spiritual maturity begin? Some say we sin until the Lord returns, perhaps because they don't want to make false claims, or because they know we retain our sinful nature until the Lord's coming (Php 3:21). Others say, claiming 1 Jn 3:9, that truly converted Christians stop sinning because they are now incapable of sinning. The first position overlooks that all, including Christians, who sin until the Lord returns, do so after the close of probation and thus have unforgiven sin, since there is then no more forgiveness. They would all be counted unjust (Rev 22:11) and could not be saved (Rev 19:21).

The second position overlooks that 1 Jn 3:9 cannot mean converted Christians no longer sin. 1 Jn 1:7-10; 2:1 already stated that even Christians continue to need cleansing from sin (present tense in the Greek) as part of the process of sanctification (Rom 6:19; 1 Th 4:3). There is no contradiction between the two statements, since 1 Jn 3:9 says only that Christians do not continue to sin habitually (present tense again), as a lifestyle. This does not exclude occasional sin, for which 1 Jn 1:7-10 promises forgiveness and cleansing. However, this latter passage cannot be used to prove that sinning goes on for life, as it does not address this point.

So the question still needs to be answered, when will all sinning finally stop, so Jesus can finish the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary? Biblically, the truth of the matter lies between the two positions just discussed. 1 Jn 1:7-10 says that occasional sinning is a reality even after conversion. But the Bible also assures us that God is able to keep us from falling, in order to preserve us blameless unto, and present us faultless at the coming of Jesus (Jude 24; 1 Th 5:23; 2 Pe 3:14; Eph 5:27). This implies that all sinning will need to and can cease, not only at His coming, but before. In fact, it needs to end even prior to the close of probation (Rev 22:11).

One might object on two points: First, that sanctification is the work of a lifetime (*COL 65; HP 231*). Yet in its context, this statement is not saying that we will sin as long as we live, but that victory over sin is to be gained as long as we live (*AA 560*). Second, that we will have our sinful nature until Jesus comes. True, yet our sinful nature does not require us to act on it. We are exhorted to consider ourselves dead to sin and freed from its power (Rom 6:1-13). While we may be tempted to sin due to our sinful nature, God is able to preserve us from actual sinning if we are patient in our trials (1 Co 10:13; Jas 1:2-4; 2 Pe 2:9; Jude 24; Rev 12:14).

While the Bible says we will be blameless sometime before the close of probation, God is more specific toward His remnant church through the Spirit of Prophecy by showing that ceasing from sin is a prerequisite for the reception of the latter rain. We need to wait, watch, and pray for the latter rain (*LDE 194; DA 672*). But we also need to prepare for it by gaining victory over every sin, wrong word and action (*EW 71; LDE 192*), by cleansing from all filthiness of flesh and spirit (2 Co 7:1; *1T 619*) and from every defilement (*5T 214; LDE 192*). Such relative perfection is to be obtained <u>prior</u> to the latter rain, not then as a result of it (*TM 506-507*).

The process of our perfection can be summarized in six phases: **1.** We are reckoned perfected at conversion despite past sins and present failures, as we trust in Christ (Heb 10:14). **2.** While we are growing in His grace, we are relatively perfect at every stage despite a lack of full maturity (*COL* 65). **3.** Enabled by divine grace, we obey God's will and increase in victory over every sin and rebellious attitude (*LDE* 192). **4.** Though still having our sinful nature, we no longer sin (1 Th 5:23). **5.** At Christ's coming, our sinful nature and mortality are removed (Php 3:21; 1 Co 15:54). **6.** We continue to grow in Christ through all eternity (*BEcho*, 5-15, 1892).

|   | Phases of Perfection                             | Justification   |        | Sanctifica   | Glorification   |                        |          |
|---|--|-----------------|--------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------|
|   | Timing of phases                                 | Conversion      | Growth | Latter Rain  | Jacob's Trouble | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming | Eternity |
| 1 | Reckoned perfect by faith in Christ's merits     |                 |        |              |                 |                        | <b>—</b> |
| 2 | Growth as relative perfection at every stage     |                 |        |              |                 | H                      |          |
| 3 | Increasing victory over sin by loving obedience  |                 |        |              |                 |                        |          |
| 4 | Still sinful, but sins pardoned, no more sinning |                 | -      |              |                 | H                      |          |
| 5 | Sinful Nature removed, perfect sinlessness       |                 |        |              |                 |                        | <b></b>  |
| 6 | Constant growth throughout all eternity          |                 |        |              |                 |                        | <b>—</b> |
|   | Perfection = constant growth into Christ         | Title to heaven | Fitnes | s for heaven | heaven          | Heaven                 |          |

#### H. Tell the World - 1. Enable Latter Rain Power - 104. The Blessings of Jesus

SUMMARY: You also want to remember, that Jesus calls and enables you to be an overcoming witness in order to secure your own happiness.

God is calling us to receive both the former and the latter rain Spirit so we become more than conquerors, or overcomers (Rom 8:37; Rev 12:11). Jesus promises us this victory and shows us how to gain it as the only way to true happiness now and for eternity.

In the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5:1-8:1; Lk 6:17-49), Jesus gives His inaugural address as the King of His new kingdom of divine grace. Right at its beginning (Mt 5:1-12), He "proclaims that the main objective of the kingdom is to restore the lost happiness of Eden to the hearts of men, and that those who choose to enter in by the 'strait' gate and the 'narrow' way (Matt. 7:13, 14) will find true happiness" (5BC 324).

In the book of Revelation, Jesus announces His soon return as the King of kings finally to establish His eternal kingdom of divine glory (Da 7:14). Throughout the book, He gives some more blessings and instructions to His beloved remnant people in these last days, so they may not only retain their citizenship in the present kingdom of grace on earth, but also secure it for the soon coming kingdom of glory.

|          | At the Inauguration of His Kingdom of Grace – Mt 5:1-12   | I desire it    |
|----------|---|----------------|
| 1        | 1. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3).   | hardlystrongly |
| 2        | Those who are aware of their soul poverty, as opposed to Laodicea (Rev 3:17), are happy to enter the kingdom (MB 8).  |                |
| 3        | 2. "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." (Mt 5:4).  |                |
| 4        | Those who deeply mourn because their sin brought anguish to Jesus, are being comforted with His pardon (MB 10).   |                |
| 5        | 3. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." (Mt 5:5; Ps 37:11).  |                |
| 6        | Those who have learned the graces of humility and self-surrender, are happily waiting to inherit the new earth (MB 17).   |                |
| 7        | 4. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." (Mt 5:6).   |                |
| 8        | Those whose hearts long for Him, are happy to be filled with the love, holiness, and perfection of Jesus (MB 18-21).  |                |
| 9        | 5. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." (Mt 5:7; 25:31-46).   |                |
| 10       | Those who love to show His compassion to the poor and the suffering, are happy to find a merciful Savior (MB 22).   |                |
| 11       | 6. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." (Mt 5:8).   |                |
| 12       | Those of undefiled purposes and motives, are happy to behold by faith, and rejoice in, God's true character (MB 25).  |                |
| 13       | 7. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." (Mt 5:9).   |                |
| 14       | Those who lead others to have peace with God and men as they do, are happy to know they belong to God (MB 28).  |                |
| 15<br>16 | 8. "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:10). "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you for my sake. Rejoice, for great is your reward in heaven." (Mt 5:11). |                |
| 17       | Those who love Jesus and rejoice at sharing His persecution and reproach, are happy about their reward (MB 29-35).  |                |
|          | Before the Coming of His Kingdom of Glory – Revelation  |                |
| 18       | 1. "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things" (Rev 1:3).  |                |
| 19       | Those who proclaim, hear, and act on the messages in Revelation, are happy as they realize the Lord is at hand (8T 302).  |                |
| 20       | 2. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth" (Rev 14:13).  |                |
| 21       | Those who die in and for the faith of the Third Angel's Message, are happy to rest until the special resurrection (GC 637).   |                |
| 22       | 3. "Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments" (Rev 16:15).   |                |
| 23       | Those who remain alert in the little time of trouble, are vigilant and happy to stay pure, obey, and work (Mt 24:46; DA 633).   |                |
| 24       | 4. "Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb." (Rev 19:9).  |                |
| 25       | Those who wear the robe of Jesus' righteousness, are happy to participate in His marriage supper (Rev 19:8; COL 311).   |                |
| 26       | 5. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection" (Rev 20:6).  |                |
| 27       | Those who remain faithful in trial, are happy and pure to join in the first resurrection and reign with Jesus (Rev 20:4-6).   |                |
| 28       | 6. "Blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of this book" (Rev 22:7).  |                |
| 29       | Those who heed the messages of Revelation, are happy and love to see Jesus come quickly (Rev 22:6; 2 Ti 4:8; 16MR 179).   |                |
| 30       | 7. "Blessed are they that do his commandments" (Rev 22:14).   |                |
| 31       | Those who exercise the obedience of Jesus, are happy to also share in His immortality in the New Jerusalem (EW 51).   |                |

#### H. Tell the World – 2. Reflect Jesus in Character and Lifestyle – 201. The Events of the Day of Atonement

SUMMARY: You see your need of perfection, as you reflect on the affliction of the soul during the annual as well as the global Day of Atonement.

#### **The Annual Event** 1 1. In the divinely ordained OT order of annual feasts, the Day of Atonement marked the end of the yearly round of confessions and sacrificial 2 offerings for sin. Once a year (Lev 16:34), atonement was made because of and for all the sins of God's people of the past year (Lev 16:16, 30, 34). Thus, the sanctuary itself was cleansed from its defilement caused by the record of accumulated sins (Lev 16:16, 20). 3 2. The annual Day of Atonement was a Sabbath of rest (Lev 16:31; 23:32), and a holy convocation (Lev 23:27; 29:7) for the people of God. 4 They were not to work (Lev 16:29: 23:28, 31), but to afflict their souls (Lev 16:29, 31: 23:27, 32: Nu 29:7), that is, to review their lives and 5 6 search their hearts for any sins not yet repented of, and to receive atonement through sin offerings, as long as the high priest was still inside the Holy Place. Once he came out and purified the altar of burnt offering, the cleansing was completed (Lev 16:18-20). Now the high priest placed 7 all confessed sins on the scapegoat, which was then lead into the wilderness to die (Lev 16:21). 3. The Israelites who had not kept the Sabbath of rest, and neglected to afflict their souls while the high priest was still in the Holy Place, were to be cut off from the people of God (Lev 23:29), and God announced that He Himself would destroy them (Lev 23:30). This was therefore 10 11 a day of judgment for God's people (Lev 16:30; 1 Pe 4:17). In this way God assured their holiness, to which He had called them because He is 12 holy (Lev 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:7, 26). Only through a holy people can Jesus continue to reveal God's character to the world (Ex 19:6; 1 Pe 2:9; Jn 13 8:2; Mt 5:14), who, individually and corporately, thereby glorify Him in their lives (1 Co 6:20; 10:31; Php 1:11). The Global Period 14 1. The Day of Atonement is serious business. Once a year, God brought about total cleansing to all those of His people who took the time 15 allotted to them to search their hearts (Lev 16:29); but to those who did not, it meant exclusion and death. Since 1844, when Jesus our eternal 16 high priest (Heb 8:1-2) began cleansing the heavenly sanctuary (Da 8:14), we live in the global Day of Atonement or the pre-advent 17 Investigative Judgment. Now all people in the world are called to afflict their souls by giving God the opportunity to show them their sins and give them repentance and forgiveness (Lk 24:47; Ac 5:31; 17:30). God wants to restore all people to His perfection (Mt 5:48), His righteousness 18 and holiness (2 Co 7:1; Eph 4:24; 1 Th 4:7); it is available to "whosoever will" (Rev 21:6; 22:17). Without it nobody can bring glory to God (Jn 19 20 15:5; 1 Co 6:20; 10:31; Phil 1:11), let alone enter His kingdom and see Him face to face (Mt 5:20; Heb 12:14; 1 Jn 3:2). 2. The time allotted to humanity to receive such holiness is "now" (2 Co 6:2), while their probation still lingers. Nobody knows when this 21 22 gracious offer will be over. Anyone's life could end anytime, and we do not know when the sealing of the faithful is finished (Rev 7:3). We do 23 know, however, that once our High Priest leaves the heavenly sanctuary He will no longer plead His blood for sinners (Rev 22:11). By then, 24 global probation has ended, the plagues will be poured upon all the wicked who neglected their opportunity (Rev 16:1-21), and they will be 25 destroyed by the brightness of Jesus' coming (2 Th 2:8-10). Then the Lord will deliver His people (Da 12:1) and take them to heaven together with all resurrected believers (1 Th 4:15-18). There they will reign with Him a thousand years (Rev 20:4, 6), that is, evaluate and confirm His 26 27 righteous judgment on all wicked people and fallen angels (Da 7:22; 1 Co 6:2-3). 3. After His return, Jesus will put all the sins God's children ever confessed and were forgiven, on Satan (ST 5-16-1895) and bind Him on 28 the desolate earth, a wilderness without people to deceive (Rev 20:2-3). After the millennium, all the wicked will be raised in their old bodies to 29 be condemned and annihilated together with Satan and his evil angels in the global lake of fire (Da 12:2; Jn 5:29; Rev 20:10,14-15). Then, 30 Jesus will renew the earth (Rev 21:1) and restore to His people never-ending righteousness and happiness (2 Pe 3:13). 31 **The Ongoing Process** 32 So now, "today," we still have the divine opportunity to afflict our souls while the heavenly sanctuary is being cleansed. This afflicting is an ongoing daily work toward complete holiness during personal probation. It consists of four steps: 1. We behold (2 Co 3:18) and desire the attributes of God (Ex 20:1-17; 34:6-7), Jesus (1 Jn 2:6) and the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23). 35 2. We let God search our hearts and show us our sins and hurts as well as His leading (Ps 139:23-24; Rev 2:23). 3. We allow ourselves to be humbled while recognizing our sinful ways (Dt 8:2; 2 Ch 7:14; Ps 51:17; Jas 4:5-10). 4. We repent and confess to God and one another, and He will forgive, cleanse and heal (2 Ch 7:14; 1 Jn 1:6-10; Jas 5:16). The Various Dimensions 38 During this serious and honest heart searching and divine evaluation, God will show us our hurts as well as our transgressions 1. of thought (Pr 23:7; Mt 5:28), word (Mt 12:37), and action (2 Co 5:1); 39 2. of commission (1 Jn 3:9), and omission or neglect (Heb 2:3; Jas 4:17); 40 3. of ignorance (Lev 4:2; 5:15; Ac 3:17), accidental (Nu 35:15, 22-24), or intentional (Nu 35:16-21; Jas 1:13-15); 41 42 4. whether secret (Ps 19:12; Rom 2:16), or open and known (Ex 14:10-14; 1 Co 5:1). 43 We respond with repentance, that is, godly sorrow for (2 Co 7:9-11) and forsaking of sin (Isa 55:7), accompanied by contrition (Ps 51:17; Isa 57:15), humiliation (2 Ch 7:14; Isa 57:15), restitution where needed (Ex 22:1-15; Lev 5:16; Nu 5:7; Lk 19:8), and confession (Ps 32:5; 1 Jn 1:9).

**SUMMARY:** You see God's **calling** to this afflicting of the soul, as you note the **parallels** between the annual Day of Atonement and end-time history.

H. Tell the World – 2. Reflect Jesus in Character and Lifestyle – 202. The Types of the Day of Atonement

The cleansing and judgment on the annual Day of Atonement typifies end-time events of global proportions and eternal consequences.

|    |    | The Type: The Annual Day of Aton                                    | ement          | The Anti-Type: The Global Day of Atonement |   |  |  |  |  |
|----|----|---|----------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|
|    |    | The Shadow of Things to Come (Col 2:1                               |                |  | ime Reality, the Very Image (Heb 9:23; 10:1)            |  |  |  |  |
| 1  | 1  | Announced at Feast of Trumpets ten days                             | Lev 23:24      | Rev 14:6-7;                                | Announced by W. Miller for 10+ years (10BC 788),        |  |  |  |  |
| 2  |    | before: Repent! Trust God in the Judgment!                          |                | GC 351-353                                 | and others globally: Repent! Prepare to meet God!       |  |  |  |  |
| 3  | 2  | Celebrated on the 10 <sup>th</sup> day of the 7 <sup>th</sup> month | Lev 23:27;     | Da 8:14;                                   | Started on Oct. 22, 1844, in the heavenly               |  |  |  |  |
| 4  |    | (Sept/Oct), once every year.  | Lev 16:34      | GC 400, 433                                | sanctuary, the only one in global human history.        |  |  |  |  |
| 5  | 3  | All sins of all Israelites, once confessed,                         | Lev 16:16, 17, | Mt 12:30-32;                               | All sins of all believers, once confessed,              |  |  |  |  |
| 6  |    | are recorded as atoned for and forgiven.                            | 21, 30, 33, 34 | 1 Jn 1:9                                   | are recorded as atoned for by Jesus and forgiven.       |  |  |  |  |
| 7  | 4  | The high priest changes his golden dress                            | Lev 16:4, 23;  | Php 2:5-8;                                 | Jesus humbled Himself to come as a servant              |  |  |  |  |
| 8  | -  | to the white of a common priest to sacrifice.                       | AA 33          | Heb 10:5, 10                               | and to offer His own righteous life as a sacrifice.     |  |  |  |  |
| 9  | 5  | The high priest offers sacrifices first for himself                 | Lev 16:5-6,    | Heb 4:15;                                  | Being without sin, Jesus offered Himself once for       |  |  |  |  |
| 10 |    | and his house, then for all God's people.                           | 11, 15         | 10:10; 1 Jn 2:2                            | all for the sins of the whole world.                    |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | 6  | The high priest enters the Most Holy with                           | Lev 16:12-17;  | Da 8:14;                                   | Jesus entered the heavenly Most Holy Place in 1844      |  |  |  |  |
| 12 |    | incense, sprinkles the blood on and before the                      | Ex 30:10;      | Rev 3:5;                                   | to blot out all sins of all believers and all the names |  |  |  |  |
| 13 |    | mercy seat, also on the altars of incense and of                    | Lev 16:18-20   | GC 483;                                    | of the unfaithful. He is also still interceding for all |  |  |  |  |
| 14 |    | burnt offering. Thus he cleanses the sanctuary,                     |                | Heb 7:25;                                  | who yet repent and by faith claim His shed blood        |  |  |  |  |
| 15 |    | blots out the record of all sins.                                   |                | Rom 3:25                                   | as their atoning sacrifice.                             |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | 7  | During this day of final atonement, God's                           | Lev 16:29,     | Ps 139:23-24;                              | Jesus is calling His end-time people                    |  |  |  |  |
| 17 |    | people were to afflict their souls, that is, review                 | 31; 23:27, 29, | Rev 2:1-3:22;                              | to hear and to heed His evaluation of their             |  |  |  |  |
| 18 |    | their lives, seek God, repent of, make amends                       | 32;            | EW 107-108;                                | situation, and to obey His final plea to repent and     |  |  |  |  |
| 19 |    | for, and confess any yet remaining sins.                            | GC 429-431     | GC 429-431                                 | overcome before probation forever closes.               |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | 8  | As the high priest left the Most Holy, the bells                    | 1SP 274;       | Mt 24:1-33;                                | Jesus has given us signs in the heavens and             |  |  |  |  |
| 21 |    | on his robe tinkled, telling the people that the                    | SR 155;        | Rev 3:20;                                  | in the world to know that He is at the door, that our   |  |  |  |  |
| 22 |    | cleansing was almost finished. When he came                         |                | Lk 21:7-36;                                | redemption is drawing near, and the living faithful     |  |  |  |  |
| 23 |    | out through the veil to the Holy Place, Israel's                    | Lev 16:16, 17  | Rev 7:1-3;                                 | will soon be sealed. When the seven last plagues        |  |  |  |  |
| 24 |    | time to afflict their souls had already ended.                      |                | 16:1-21                                    | begin, probation has already closed.                    |  |  |  |  |
| 25 | 9  | After the cleansing the high priest, in the                         | Lev 16:20-22;  | GC 422, 658;                               | After the cleansing, Jesus will return, take the        |  |  |  |  |
| 26 |    | presence of God's people, places all blotted                        | Ps 7:16;       | EW 178; 280;                               | saints to heaven and in their presence, place all sin   |  |  |  |  |
| 27 |    | out sins on the scapegoat, not to atone for them                    | Deut 19:19     | ST 5-16-1895;                              | on Satan as its originator and banish him to or bind    |  |  |  |  |
| 28 |    | but to remove them forever. The scapegoat is                        |                | PP 358;                                    | him on the desolate earth. After the millennium,        |  |  |  |  |
| 29 |    | then expelled into the wilderness to die.                           |                | Rev 20:1-15                                | he and all evil angels are destroyed in hell fire.      |  |  |  |  |
| 30 | 10 | After completing this work, the high priest                         | Lev 16:23-24   | AA 33;                                     | After the seven last plagues, Jesus will return         |  |  |  |  |
| 31 |    | puts his golden robe back on  |                | Rev 19:12-16;                              | in a red robe and many crowns as Lord of lords,         |  |  |  |  |
| 32 |    | with the miter inscription "Holy to the Lord".                      |                | Lk 9:26                                    | in His glory, and in His Father's, and of the angels.   |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | 11 | Those who had not afflicted their souls and                         | Lev 23:29-30   | 2 Th 2:8-10;                               | All unrepentant people, those who had their names,      |  |  |  |  |
| 34 |    | not repented of their sins were to be cut off                       |                | Rev 3:5;                                   | not sins, blotted out, receive the seven last plagues,  |  |  |  |  |
| 35 |    | from God's people. God warns that He Himself                        |                | 1 Cor 6:2-3;                               | are destroyed at the return of Jesus, will be judged    |  |  |  |  |
| 36 |    | would destroy those who had worked that day,                        |                | Rev 20:10-15                               | during the millennium, then raised, sentenced and       |  |  |  |  |
| 37 |    | that is, disregarded its divine purpose.                            | 1 00 04 45     | D 44 10 16                                 | eternally annihilated in hell fire with all the wicked. |  |  |  |  |
| 38 | 12 | Five days after the Day of Atonement, the final                     | Lev 23:34-43;  | Rev 14:12-16;                              | At His return, Jesus will finally gather or harvest     |  |  |  |  |
| 39 |    | of all the annual festivals occurs, <i>Ingathering</i> or           | Dt 16:13-15;   | EW 16; 2SG 33;                             | His people and take them to heaven in seven days        |  |  |  |  |
| 40 |    | the Feast of Tabernacles, lasting seven days.                       | PP 540-542     | Isa 25:8-9;                                | to let them rejoice in His salvation, and sing the      |  |  |  |  |
| 41 |    | It is a season of rejoicing over a plentiful harvest,               |                | Rev 15:1-4;                                | Song of Moses and the Lamb of their deliverance         |  |  |  |  |
| 42 |    | and in grateful memory of God's deliverance of                      |                | Rev 19:9;                                  | from the tyranny of Babylon and the tribulations        |  |  |  |  |
| 43 |    | His people from bondage in Egypt, of His care                       |                | Rev 7:13-14;                               | during their pilgrim life; to celebrate His marriage    |  |  |  |  |
| 44 |    | and guiding presence during their pilgrim life,                     |                | Rev 7:15; 21:3;                            | supper with them; to dwell with them as their God       |  |  |  |  |
| 45 |    | and in praise for His mercy in granting them                        |                | Rev 7:16-17;                               | for all eternity; to feed them and to lead them to      |  |  |  |  |
| 46 |    | new pardon and acceptance.  |                | Rev 7:17; 21:4                             | living waters; and to wipe away all their tears.        |  |  |  |  |

The Scriptures

2 Co 5:14-21; Rom 3:23-26; 5:8-21; 10:10



#### H. Tell the World – 2. Reflect Jesus in Character and Lifestyle – 203. Commitment to the Afflicting of the Soul

SUMMARY: You take step 17 in the discipling process, as you commit to complete cleansing so you come to reflect Jesus' spotless life.

The Steps of Commitment

1. I ACCEPT the death and RECEIVE the righteous life of Jesus daily into my heart by faith.

Place of Commitment: \_\_

"We are in the Day of Atonement, and we are to work in harmony with Christ's work of cleansing the sanctuary from the sins of the people. Let no man who desires to be found with the wedding garment on, resist our Lord in his office work." (RH 01-21-1890).

| 2  | 2. I STRIVE to be found of Him god  | ly, sober, spotless and blameless at His coming.   | Lk 13:24; Eph  | 5:27; Tit 2:12; 1 Pe 5:8; 2 Pe 3:14                 |  |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| 3<br>4<br>5<br>6   | 3. I SEEK to perfect holiness in the a. to enable God to fill me with b. thus to help lighten the earth c. and thereby to hasten the co                           | His latter rain Spirit;<br>with God's glory – now and during the Loud Cry;                                     | 2 Co 6:17; 7:1; 2 Pe 1:4;<br>Joel 2:23, 28-32; Ac 1:8; 2:14-21; 3:19;<br>Rev 14:6-12; 18:1-4;<br>Mt 24:14; 2 Pe 3:11-12; Rev 6:17  |   |  |
| 7<br>8   | <b>4.</b> I <u>CLAIM</u> God's promises that He and that He will send Jesus   |  | Ac 3:19; Rom 9:28;<br>Da 12:1; Joel 2:32; Ac 3:20; Rev 3:11; 22:7, 12, 20  |   |  |
| 9<br>10<br>11<br>12<br>13                                | 5. I COMMIT therefore now to being a. forsaking & confessing all kr and being cleansed from all b. asking for and practicing all c. casting all my hurts and burd | Isa 55:7; Ac<br>Mal 3:1-3; E   | 2 Chr 7:14; Isa 1:18-19; Jer 25:5; Eze 18:30-32;<br>Isa 55:7; Ac 5:31; 1 Jn 1:9, Jas 5:16; Lk 19:8;<br>Mal 3:1-3; Eph 5:25-27; Tit 2:11-14; 1 Jn 1:9;<br>Mt 5:48; Jn 17:23; Rom 12:2; 2 Pe 3:14; 1 Jn 2:6;<br>Mt 11:28; 1 Pe 5:7 |   |  |
| 14<br>15   | A. Put off the old man (Eph 4:22;<br>I COMMIT to confess and forsa  | in His power.  | I do so hesitantly → decidedly   |   |  |
|  | Sinful Traits and Habits  | Process and/or People Involved   |  | Promise(s) to claim                                 |  |
| 16   | 1.  |  |  |   |  |
| 17   | 2.  |  |  |   |  |
| 18   | 3.  |  |  |   |  |
| 19   | 4.  |  |  |   |  |
|  |   |  |  |   |  |
| 20<br>21   | B. Put on the <u>new</u> man (Eph 4:24;<br>I <u>COMMIT</u> to ask for and pract   | Col 3:10): ice all these divine traits and habits, by God's grace and  | in His power.  | I do so hesitantly → decidedly                      |  |
|  |   |  | in His power.  | •   |  |
|  | I COMMIT to ask for and pract   | ce all these divine traits and habits, by God's grace and  | in His power.  |   |  |
| 21   | I <u>COMMIT</u> to ask for and pract  Divine Traits and Habits  | ce all these divine traits and habits, by God's grace and  | in His power.  |   |  |
| 21<br>22<br>23<br>24                                     | Divine Traits and Habits  1. 2. 3.  | ce all these divine traits and habits, by God's grace and  | in His power.  |   |  |
| 21<br>22<br>23   | I <u>COMMIT</u> to ask for and pract  Divine Traits and Habits  1. 2.   | ce all these divine traits and habits, by God's grace and  | in His power.  |   |  |
| 21<br>22<br>23<br>24                                     | Divine Traits and Habits  1. 2. 3. 4.  C. Cast all your cares upon Him (  | Process and/or People Involved   |  |   |  |
| 21<br>22<br>23<br>24<br>25                               | Divine Traits and Habits  1. 2. 3. 4.  C. Cast all your cares upon Him (  | Process and/or People Involved  [Lk 4:18; 1 Pe 5:7):   |  | Promise(s) to claim  I do so hesitantly → decidedly |  |
| 21<br>22<br>23<br>24<br>25                               | Divine Traits and Habits  1. 2. 3. 4.  C. Cast all your cares upon Him (I COMMIT) to cast all these hur   | Process and/or People Involved  Lk 4:18; 1 Pe 5:7):  ts and burdens on the Lord in faith, by God's grace and i |  | Promise(s) to claim  I do so hesitantly → decidedly |  |
| 21<br>22<br>23<br>24<br>25<br>26<br>27<br>28<br>29       | Divine Traits and Habits  1. 2. 3. 4.  C. Cast all your cares upon Him (I COMMIT) to cast all these hur Hurts and Burdens  1. 2.                                  | Process and/or People Involved  Lk 4:18; 1 Pe 5:7):  ts and burdens on the Lord in faith, by God's grace and i |  | Promise(s) to claim  I do so hesitantly → decidedly |  |
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| 21<br>22<br>23<br>24<br>25<br>26<br>27<br>28<br>29       | Divine Traits and Habits  1. 2. 3. 4.  C. Cast all your cares upon Him (I COMMIT) to cast all these hur Hurts and Burdens  1. 2.                                  | Process and/or People Involved  Lk 4:18; 1 Pe 5:7):  ts and burdens on the Lord in faith, by God's grace and i |  | Promise(s) to claim  I do so hesitantly → decidedly |  |

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#### H. Tell the World – 2. Reflect Jesus in Character and Lifestyle – 204. Hindrances to Holiness

SUMMARY: First, you recognize, admit, repent of, and receive forgiveness for all the sins that hinder Jesus fully to live out His holy life in you.

As fallen human beings we sin (Rom 3:23; 1 Jn 1:8). Jesus took our sins upon Himself (1 Pe 2:24). If we let Him show them to us (Ps 139:23-24; 26:2; La 3:39-41; Hag 1:7; 2 Cor 13:5; Rev 3), His goodness will lead us to repentance (Rom 2:4), and God will forgive and cleanse (1 Jn 1:9).

|  | <b>Characteristics of Sinners</b>   | Scrip  | tures   |         | ln      |        | SI  | how                        | it T                       | owa                             | rd                         | Have / Do It      | Hate It             | Priority                                   |
|--|---|--|---|---------|---------|--------|-----|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| 1<br>2<br>3<br>4<br>5  | opposed to God's Spirit (Gal 5:15-17)<br>done outside of Christ (Gal 5:24)<br>without love for Jesus (Jn 14:15)<br>omit good works (Jas 4:17)<br>transgress the law (1 Jn 3:4)  | Old /<br>New<br>Testa-<br>ment   | All<br>New<br>Testa-<br>ment  | THOUGHT | W O R D | ACTION | GOD | F<br>A<br>M<br>I<br>L<br>Y | C<br>H<br>U<br>R<br>C<br>H | F<br>R<br>I<br>E<br>N<br>D<br>S | O<br>T<br>H<br>E<br>R<br>S | hardly →<br>daily | hardly →<br>greatly | Rate<br>from<br>1 to 4,<br>1 being<br>top. |
| 6  | 1. The Book of Genesis  |  |   |         |         |        |     |                            |                            |                                 |                            |                   |                     |  |
| 7<br>8<br>9<br>10<br>11<br>12<br>13<br>14<br>15<br>16<br>17<br>18<br>19<br>20<br>21<br>22<br>23                            | lying = speaking falsely to deceive unbelief in God = believing Satan indulging appetite = let it control disobedience to God = rebellion shift blame for own sin = excuse anger = unrighteous human wrath murder = intentional, n/a to war drunkenness, etc. = intoxication strife = quarrel, violent dissention fornication = sexual immorality looking back = w/ desire or regret favoritism = partiality w/ prejudice undervalue God's blessings = loss deceit = fraud, trick, subtle, crafty hatred = bitterness, hostility envy = covet, begrudge w/ discont emulation = envious zeal to outdo  | Ge 3:4 Ge 3:6 Ge 3:6 Ge 3:3-11 Ge 3:12-14 Ge 4:5 Ge 4:8 Ge 9:21 Ge 13:7 Ge 19:5-8 Ge 19:26 Ge 25:28 Ge 25:34 Ge 27:1-23 Ge 27:41 Ge 30:1 Ge 30:15  | Jn 8:44 Jn 8:45-47 1 Co 11:21 Eph 2:2 Jas 1:13-15 Jas 1:20 Mt 5:21-22 Lk 21:34 Gal 5:20 Mt 5:28, 32 Lk 9:62 Ac 10:34 Heb 12:17 Mk 7:22 Gal 5:20 Rom 1:21 Gal 5:20                               |         |         |        |     |                            |                            |                                 |                            |                   |                     |  |
| 24   | idolatry = serving manmade gods   | Ge 31:30   | Col 3:5   |         |         |        |     |                            |                            |                                 |                            |                   |                     |  |
| 25   | 2. The New Testament  |  |   |         |         |        |     |                            |                            |                                 |                            |                   |                     |  |
| 26<br>27<br>28<br>29<br>30<br>31<br>32<br>33<br>34<br>35<br>36<br>37<br>38<br>39<br>40<br>41<br>42<br>43<br>44<br>45<br>46 | judging = by own standards blasphemy = speaking evil of God unforgiving = resentment, grudge robbing God = no tithes & offerings neglecting gifts or calling = loss covetousness = greed, unjust gain foolishness = folly, thoughtless being stiffnecked = resist the Spirit procrastination = needless delay whispering, backbiting = slander despite = insult, contempt, injury pride / boasting = empty pretense uncleanness = physical, moral witchcraft, etc. = occult activities idleness = laziness, avoid work gossiping = idle / evil talk, rumors love of money = root of all evil love of self / pleasure = not of God form of godliness = hypocrisy lukewarmness = not hot or cold complacency = feel self-sufficient | Rom 2:1-3 1 Ti 6:1 Eph 4:32 Mal 3:7-12 1 Ti 4:14 Ex 20:17 Ps 69:5 2 Chr 30:8 2 Chr 24:5 Ps 41:7 Eze 25:15 Pr 21:4 Eph 5:3 1 Sa 15:23 Pr 19:15 Lev 19:16 Mt 26:15 Isa 58:13 Mt 15:7-9 Mt 22:37 Lk 12:19 | Mt 7:1-5 Mt 12:31-32 Mt 18:22-35 Mt 23:23 Mt 25:14-30 Mk 7:22 Mk 7:22 Ac 7:51 Ac 24:25 Rom 1:30 Rom 1:30 Gal 5:19 Gal 5:20 2 Th 3:10 1 Ti 5:13 1 Ti 6:10 2 Ti 3:2, 4 2 Ti 3:5 Rev 3:16 Rev 3:17 |         |         |        |     |                            |                            |                                 |                            |                   |                     |  |
| 47   | 3. Other Sins   |  |   |         |         |        |     |                            |                            |                                 |                            |                   |                     |  |
| 48<br>49   |   |  |   |         |         |        |     |                            |                            |                                 |                            |                   |                     |  |

#### H. Tell the World – 2. Reflect Jesus in Character and Lifestyle – 205. Aspects of Holiness

**SUMMARY:** Then, you identify, consider, and **ask** for all the aspects of the divine **character** that **allow** Jesus fully to live out His life in you.

God calls His people to live holy lives (Ex 19:6; 1 Pe 2:9). Jesus revealed to us God's true character (Jn 1:18) and empowers all who receive Him to become God's children (Jn 1:12), so His church reflects God in this world, thus vindicating His name (Jn 8:12; 9:5; Mt 5:13-16, 48; Eph 3:10-11).

|                               | Characteristics of Saints   | Scrip  | tures   | S           | how                        | ı It T                     | owa                             | rd                         | Have / Do It   | Desire It        | Priority                       |
|-------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1<br>2<br>3<br>4<br>5         | are filled with God's Spirit (Eph 5:8; 2 Pe 1:4)<br>do all things through Christ (Phil 4:13)<br>obey out of love for Jesus (Jn 14:15)<br>are zealous of good works (Tit 2:14)<br>are doers of the law (Mt 7:25; Jas 1:22)   | Old /<br>New<br>Testa-<br>ment                                   | All<br>New<br>Testa-<br>ment  | G<br>O<br>D | F<br>A<br>M<br>I<br>L<br>Y | C<br>H<br>U<br>R<br>C<br>H | F<br>R<br>I<br>E<br>N<br>D<br>S | O<br>T<br>H<br>E<br>R<br>S | hardly → daily | hardly → greatly | Rate from 1 to 4, 1 being top. |
| 6                             | 1. The Glory / Character of God   | <del>-</del>   | -   | •           | -                          | -                          | -                               | -                          |                | <u> </u>         |                                |
| 7<br>8<br>9<br>10<br>11<br>12 | merciful = pitying, compassionate, reconciling gracious = considerate, charming, benevolent longsuffering = patient, forbearing, slow to anger abundant in goodness = fair, upright, agreeable abundant in truth = right, faithful, firm, objective forgiving all iniquity = bear, cover, take away | Ex 34:6-7<br>Ex 34:6<br>Ex 34:6<br>Ex 34:6<br>Ex 34:6<br>Ex 34:7 | Lk 6:36<br>Col 4:6<br>Eph 4:2, 26<br>Rom 15:14<br>Eph 4:25; 5:9<br>Eph 4:32 |             |                            |                            |                                 |                            |                |                  |                                |
| 13<br>14                      | not clearing the guilty = just, not condoning sin  2. The Attributes / Life of Jesus  | Ex 34:7  | Mt 18:15-18   |             | ļ                          |                            | ļ                               |                            |                |                  |                                |
| 15<br>16<br>17<br>18          | He was holy and sinless = set apart, blameless He always had the fullness of the Holy Spirit He lived and overcame by the Word of God He was in constant communion with His Father  | Lk 1:35; Heb <sup>2</sup> Jn 1:32; 3:34 Mt 4:1-11 Lk 6:12; 11:1  | 4:15; 1 Th 5:23<br>Eph 5:18<br>Eph 6:17<br>Lk 18:1                          |             |                            |                            |                                 |                            |                |                  |                                |
| 19<br>20<br>21                | He kept God's commandments, incl. Sabbath He was meek and lowly in heart = mild, humble He lived not to be served, but to serve and die   | Lk 4:16<br>Mt 11:29; 21:5<br>Mt 20:28                            | Jn 15:10<br>Eph 4:2<br>Jn 13:3-20   |             |                            |                            |                                 |                            |                |                  |                                |
| 22<br>23<br>24<br>25          | He never ceased to love God's people He prayed for His followers and His enemies He suffered without reviling and threatening He humbled Himself and was obedient unto death  | Jn 13:1, 34<br>Jn 17:20; Lk 2<br>1 Pe 2:23<br>Php 2:5-8          | 1 Co 13:7-8<br>23:34; Mt 5:44<br>  1 Co 4:12<br>  Rev 2:10; 12:11           |             |                            |                            |                                 |                            |                |                  |                                |
| 26<br>27<br>28                | He offers His faith and love tested by fiery trials He offers His pure victorious righteousness He offers His spiritual discernment and wisdom  | Rev 3:18<br>Rev 3:5, 18<br>Jas 1:5                               | 1 Pe 1:5-9<br>Rev 7:13-17<br>Rev 3:18                                       |             |                            |                            |                                 |                            |                |                  |                                |
| 29                            | 3. The Fruit / Effect of the Spirit   | 0.15.00.40   | 40 1 40 4 04  | 1           | 1                          | 1                          | 1                               | 1                          |                | 1                |                                |
| 30<br>31<br>32                | love = "agape" – divine, self-sacrificing love<br>joy = gladness, satisfaction, holy pleasure<br>peace = well being, completeness, harmony  | Gal 5:22<br>Gal 5:22   | 13; Jn 13:1,34<br>Jn 15:11<br>Jn 14:27<br>Col 1:11                          |             |                            |                            |                                 |                            |                |                  |                                |
| 33<br>34<br>35<br>36<br>37    | longsuffering = patient, forbearing, slow to anger = kind, mild, calm, reasonable goodness = fair, upright, active, agreeable = firm, honest, loyal, dependable   | Gal 5:22<br>Gal 5:22<br>Gal 5:22<br>Gal 5:22<br>Gal 5:23         | Jas 3:17 Eph 5:9 Mt 25:21 Col 3:12  |             |                            |                            |                                 |                            |                |                  |                                |
| 38                            | meekness = humble, submissive, trustful, patient<br>temperance = self-control, restraint, moderation<br>4. The Ten Commandments / Promises  | Gal 5:23   | 2 Pe 1:6  |             |                            |                            |                                 |                            | 0000           |                  |                                |
| 40<br>41<br>42<br>43          | Have no other gods before me = shun idolatry  Do not make any image and bow down to it  Do not take the name of the Lord God in vain  Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy  | Ex 20:3<br>Ex 20:4-6<br>Ex 20:7<br>Ex 20:8-11                    | Mt 6:24<br>Ac 19:26<br>Mt 5:34<br>Ac 13:42-44                               |             |                            |                            |                                 |                            |                |                  |                                |
| 44<br>45<br>46                | Honor your father & mother = respect authority Do not murder = incl. anger and calling names Do not commit adultery = not even in the heart   | Ex 20:12<br>Ex 20:13<br>Ex 20:14                                 | Mt 15:4<br>Mt 5:21-22<br>Mt 5:27-28   |             |                            |                            |                                 |                            |                |                  |                                |
| 47<br>48<br>49                | Do not steal = take, deny (or rob God, Mal 3:8) Do not bear false witness against your neighbor Do not covet anything that is your neighbor's   | Ex 20:15<br>Ex 20:16<br>Ex 20:17                                 | Mt 19:18<br>Mt 19:18<br>Rom 7:7   |             |                            |                            |                                 |                            |                |                  |                                |

#### H. Tell the World – 2. Reflect Jesus in Character and Lifestyle – 206. Hurts and Burdens

SUMMARY: Next, you recognize, face, and cast all your burdens upon Jesus, so He can heal your brokenness and give you rest for your soul.

Fallen beings, angelic or human, sin against us and hurt us (Ge 3:4; 1 Jn 3:8; Jn 8:44; Mt 18:21). Our life brings us pain and grief (Pr 15:13). Jesus has born our griefs and sorrows (Isa 53:4). He wants to heal the brokenhearted and bring rest to the burdened (Ps 147:3; Lk 4:18; Mt 11:28).

|  | Characteristics of Hurt  | Description  | S           | how                        | lt T                       | owa                             | rd          | Have / Do It   | Suffer From It   | Priority                       |
|--|--|--|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1<br>2<br>3<br>4<br>5  | fallen beings sin (Jn 8:44; Rom 3:23)<br>sins of others hurt (Ps 41:7)<br>life brings burdens (Mt 11:28)<br>Jesus is our healer (Mt 8:16-17)<br>He takes our cares (1 Pe 5:7)  | Specifics (persons, events, situations, conditions) in my life, past, present, or anticipated. | G<br>O<br>D | F<br>A<br>M<br>I<br>L<br>Y | C<br>H<br>U<br>R<br>C<br>H | F<br>R<br>I<br>E<br>N<br>D<br>S | O T H E R S | hardly → daily | hardly → greatly | Rate from 1 to 4, 1 being top. |
| 6  | 1. Inherited Situation   | ·  | -U          |                            | 1                          |                                 |             |                | U                | <u> </u>                       |
| 7<br>8<br>9<br>10  | misconceptions of God / Jesus<br>sins of ancestors (Lev 26:39-40)<br>character / moral weaknesses<br>prejudices from or toward others<br>connections with the occult   |  |             |                            |                            |                                 |             |                |                  |                                |
| 12<br>13<br>14<br>15   | physical or mental challenges<br>predisposition to diseases<br>financial (wealth, poverty, debt)<br>other:   |  |             |                            |                            |                                 |             |                |                  |                                |
| 16<br>17   | other:   |  |             |                            |                            |                                 |             |                |                  |                                |
| 17<br>18<br>19<br>20<br>21<br>22<br>23<br>24<br>25<br>26<br>27<br>28<br>29<br>30<br>31<br>32<br>33<br>34<br>35<br>36<br>37 | 2. Spiritual Matters  uncertain about God's character lacking assurance of salvation lacking victory over sin or habit sensing fear of death (Heb 2:15) dissatisfied with devotional life uncertain about church's teaching uncertain about direction in life demonic presence or activity other:  3. Traumatic Experiences  any abuse or violence major illness or surgery marital or family breakdown death of significant person car or other major accident change of work or location professional or financial failure loss of work or property other: |  |             |                            |                            |                                 |             |                |                  |                                |
| 38   | other:   |  |             |                            |                            |                                 |             |                |                  |                                |
| 39   | 4. Negative Feelings   |  |             |                            |                            |                                 | •           |                |                  |                                |
| 40<br>41<br>42<br>43<br>44<br>45<br>46<br>47   | fear, worry, anxiety, etc. depression, sadness, grief, etc. frustration, irritation, anger, etc. discouragement, despair, etc. confusion, insecurity, etc. distrust, resentment, etc. loneliness, isolation, etc. rejection, neglect, etc.   |  |             |                            |                            |                                 |             |                |                  |                                |
| 48<br>49   | other:   |  |             |                            |                            |                                 |             |                |                  |                                |

#### H. Tell the World – 2. Reflect Jesus in Character and Lifestyle – 207. Divine and Human Anger

SUMMARY: Finally, you deal specifically with anger, as it is the strongest emotion to which Satan is going to tempt God's people in the final days.

Anger is one the most powerful emotions known to humanity. It may express itself in negative attitudes such as bitterness, resentment or hatred, in hasty and passionate words of evil speaking such as false accusation, slander or calling names, or in abusive and destructive actions such as murder or other violence (Eph 4:31; Col 3:8; Ge 4:8; Mt 5:21-22). In any case, cherished anger sets aside reason (4T 431), ruins our health as it wounds and poisons the heart (Pr 17:22; Ed 197; OHC 235), and it damages the character (1MCP 192). More tragically yet, it dishonors the Lord God and brings reproach to the Christian since it reflects the spirit of Satan rather than the character of Jesus (TDG 270; DA 353).

To be sure, as Moses and David showed (Ex 32:19; 2 Sa 12:5), "there is an indignation that is justifiable, even in the followers of Christ....Such anger...is not a sin." (*DA 310*). It reflects rather God's anger against sin as also seen in Jesus (Rom 1:18-21; Mt 23:13ff.; Mk 3:5). But there are big differences between divine and human anger. There "is a righteous indignation against sin, which springs from zeal for the glory of God, not that anger prompted by self-love or wounded ambition, which is referred to in the scripture, 'Be ye angry, and sin not." (*TM 100*). So God's people may show righteous indignation but never claim it to justify human anger. They are called to vindicate God by reflecting Jesus.

Therefore, God's people need to overcome human anger through Jesus' attributes (Pr 16:32; Eph 4:30-32; Col 3:12-17; Jas 1:19-22). Soon, Satan will persuade men to regard the Sabbath keepers as offending God, troublers of the people, and enemies of law and order; and will accuse them of disaffection toward the government (*GC 590-592*), thus seeking to provoke God's people to passion (*COL 171-172*). But as these trials come, will God's remnant give anyone reason to say that their accusers were correct (*HP 246*), or will they respond to injustice and suffering as Jesus did (Lk 23:34; 1 Pe 2:19-23; 4:12-19)? Will they manifest His spirit by wearing His yoke of obedience, restraint, and service (*TDG 288*)?

|  | Righteous Indignation Expressed by God / Christ   | I appreciate it hardly → daily | Unrighteous Anger<br>Expressed by Satan / Humans   | I experience it hardly → daily  |
|--|---|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 1  | Reasons: All Unrighteousness (Rom 1:18).  | -                              | Triggers: Wounded Ambition (TM 100).   |                                 |
| 2  | Disobedience (1 Ch 13:10; 1 Ki 11:9; Rom 2:8).  |                                | Self-will frustrated (Ge 4:5; 1 Sa 20:30, Rev 12:17).  |                                 |
| 3  | Social injustice (Ex 22:22-27; Rom 13:4-5).   |                                | Concern for own reputation (Ge 34:7; Jnh 4:1).   |                                 |
| 4  | Idolatry (Ex 32:7-10; Dt 4:25; 6:14-15; Rev 14:9-10).   |                                | Envies success of evil doers (Ps 37:1; Pr 24:19).  |                                 |
| 5  | Hypocrisy (Mt 23:13-15; DA 619-620; Ac 5:3-5).  |                                | Convicted of unbelief (Lk 4:28; Ac 7:54).  |                                 |
| 6  | Unbelief & Distrust (Ex 4:14; Nu 14:11; Rom 2:5).   |                                | Virtue of others exposes own evil (1 Jn 3:12).   |                                 |
| 7  | Zeal for God's honor (Jn 2:17; DA 157-158).   |                                | Jealous of honor of others (1 Sa 18:8; Lk 15:25-30).   |                                 |
| 8  | Characteristics: Always Controlled (Rom 9:22).  | ,                              | Characteristics: Lacks Self-Control (SD 142).  |                                 |
| 9  | Hates the sin, loves the sinner (Eze 33:11; DA 462).  |                                | Hates the sinner, but loves the sin (DA 462).  |                                 |
| 10   | Is slow to anger (Ps 103:8; 145:8; Joel 2:13).  |                                | Is quick to accuse & censure (Mk 14:3-5; DA 462).  |                                 |
| 11   | Desires to show mercy (Jer 3:12; Eze 22:30).  |                                | Zealous for justice & revenge (Lk 9:54; DA 462).   |                                 |
| 12   | Is always justified (Dt 9:18; Rom 2:5; Rev 19:2).   |                                | Is never justified (Jnh 4:9; Lk 9:55-56; Jas 1:20)   |                                 |
| 13   | Response always proportionate to evil (Rev 16:5-7).   |                                | Reaction disproportionate to evil (Ge 34; 49:5-7).   |                                 |
| 14   | Mixed with grief over others (Ps 78:40; Mk 3:5).  |                                | Mixed with grief over self (Ge 34:7; Jnh 4:6)  |                                 |
|  |   |                                |  |                                 |
|  | Righteous Indignation   | I experience it                | Unrighteous Anger  | I practice it                   |
|  | Righteous Indignation Expressed by Humans   | I experience it hardly → daily | Unrighteous Anger Overcome by Christ's Followers   | I practice it<br>hardly → daily |
| 15   |   |                                |  | •                               |
| 15<br>16   | Expressed by Humans  Reasons: Injustice to God or Man (DA 310).  Idolatry (Ex 32:19).   |                                | Overcome by Christ's Followers   | •                               |
|  | Expressed by Humans  Reasons: Injustice to God or Man (DA 310).  Idolatry (Ex 32:19). Injustice (Ge 39:19-20; 1 Sa 20:34; 2 Sa 12:5).   | hardly → daily                 | Overcome by Christ's Followers  Attitude: Follow Christ (Mt 16:24; 1 Pe 2:21).  Obey God's will (Jn 15:10; Eph 4:31; Col 3:8).  Be meek & lowly in heart (Mt 5:5; 11:29; Eph 4:2).   | hardly → daily                  |
| 16<br>17<br>18   | Expressed by Humans  Reasons: Injustice to God or Man (DA 310).  Idolatry (Ex 32:19). Injustice (Ge 39:19-20; 1 Sa 20:34; 2 Sa 12:5). Heartlessness and cruelty (Mt 18:32-34).  | hardly → daily                 | Overcome by Christ's Followers  Attitude: Follow Christ (Mt 16:24; 1 Pe 2:21).  Obey God's will (Jn 15:10; Eph 4:31; Col 3:8).  Be meek & lowly in heart (Mt 5:5; 11:29; Eph 4:2).  Be peaceful (Jn 14:27; Mk 9:50; James 3:18)  | hardly → daily                  |
| 16<br>17<br>18<br>19   | Expressed by Humans  Reasons: Injustice to God or Man (DA 310).  Idolatry (Ex 32:19). Injustice (Ge 39:19-20; 1 Sa 20:34; 2 Sa 12:5). Heartlessness and cruelty (Mt 18:32-34). God is dishonored (DA 310).  | hardly → daily                 | Overcome by Christ's Followers  Attitude: Follow Christ (Mt 16:24; 1 Pe 2:21).  Obey God's will (Jn 15:10; Eph 4:31; Col 3:8).  Be meek & lowly in heart (Mt 5:5; 11:29; Eph 4:2).  Be peaceful (Jn 14:27; Mk 9:50; James 3:18)  Be patient in suffering (1 Pe 2:20-21; Rom 12:12).  | hardly → daily                  |
| 16<br>17<br>18<br>19<br>20                                     | Expressed by Humans  Reasons: Injustice to God or Man (DA 310).  Idolatry (Ex 32:19). Injustice (Ge 39:19-20; 1 Sa 20:34; 2 Sa 12:5). Heartlessness and cruelty (Mt 18:32-34). God is dishonored (DA 310). God's service is brought into disrepute (DA 310).  | hardly → daily                 | Overcome by Christ's Followers  Attitude: Follow Christ (Mt 16:24; 1 Pe 2:21).  Obey God's will (Jn 15:10; Eph 4:31; Col 3:8).  Be meek & lowly in heart (Mt 5:5; 11:29; Eph 4:2).  Be peaceful (Jn 14:27; Mk 9:50; James 3:18)  Be patient in suffering (1 Pe 2:20-21; Rom 12:12).  Rejoice in suffering (Mt 5:10-12; Ac 5:41; 1 Pe 4:13).  | hardly → daily                  |
| 16<br>17<br>18<br>19   | Expressed by Humans  Reasons: Injustice to God or Man (DA 310).  Idolatry (Ex 32:19). Injustice (Ge 39:19-20; 1 Sa 20:34; 2 Sa 12:5). Heartlessness and cruelty (Mt 18:32-34). God is dishonored (DA 310).  | hardly → daily                 | Overcome by Christ's Followers  Attitude: Follow Christ (Mt 16:24; 1 Pe 2:21).  Obey God's will (Jn 15:10; Eph 4:31; Col 3:8).  Be meek & lowly in heart (Mt 5:5; 11:29; Eph 4:2).  Be peaceful (Jn 14:27; Mk 9:50; James 3:18)  Be patient in suffering (1 Pe 2:20-21; Rom 12:12).  | hardly → daily                  |
| 16<br>17<br>18<br>19<br>20                                     | Expressed by Humans  Reasons: Injustice to God or Man (DA 310).  Idolatry (Ex 32:19). Injustice (Ge 39:19-20; 1 Sa 20:34; 2 Sa 12:5). Heartlessness and cruelty (Mt 18:32-34). God is dishonored (DA 310). God's service is brought into disrepute (DA 310).  | hardly → daily                 | Overcome by Christ's Followers  Attitude: Follow Christ (Mt 16:24; 1 Pe 2:21).  Obey God's will (Jn 15:10; Eph 4:31; Col 3:8).  Be meek & lowly in heart (Mt 5:5; 11:29; Eph 4:2).  Be peaceful (Jn 14:27; Mk 9:50; James 3:18)  Be patient in suffering (1 Pe 2:20-21; Rom 12:12).  Rejoice in suffering (Mt 5:10-12; Ac 5:41; 1 Pe 4:13).  | hardly → daily                  |
| 16<br>17<br>18<br>19<br>20<br>21<br>22<br>23                   | Reasons: Injustice to God or Man (DA 310).  Idolatry (Ex 32:19). Injustice (Ge 39:19-20; 1 Sa 20:34; 2 Sa 12:5). Heartlessness and cruelty (Mt 18:32-34). God is dishonored (DA 310). God's service is brought into disrepute (DA 310). The innocent are oppressed (DA 310).  Characteristics: Similar to Divine Indignation. Is zealous for the glory of God (Ex 32:12).   | hardly → daily                 | Overcome by Christ's Followers  Attitude: Follow Christ (Mt 16:24; 1 Pe 2:21).  Obey God's will (Jn 15:10; Eph 4:31; Col 3:8).  Be meek & lowly in heart (Mt 5:5; 11:29; Eph 4:2).  Be peaceful (Jn 14:27; Mk 9:50; James 3:18)  Be patient in suffering (1 Pe 2:20-21; Rom 12:12).  Rejoice in suffering (Mt 5:10-12; Ac 5:41; 1 Pe 4:13).  Let God do justice (Ps 37:7; 1 Pe 2:23; Rom 12:19).  Behavior: Overcome Evil with Good (Rom 12:21).  Forsake own anger quickly (Ps 37:8; Eph 4:26).   | hardly → daily                  |
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#### H. Tell the World - 3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus - 301. The Cost of Overcoming

SUMMARY: You take step 18, the last in the discipling process, as you seriously count and decide about the cost of being an overcoming witness.

Before Jesus sends his disciples out to be witnesses for Him, then and now, He prepares them for the task. He tells them clearly what is ahead of them when they obey the call. "The Saviour's eye penetrates the future; He beholds the broader fields in which, after His death, the disciples are to be witnesses for Him. His prophetic glance takes in the experience of His servants through all the ages till He shall come the second time. He shows His followers the conflicts they must meet; He reveals the character and plan of the battle. He lays open before them the perils they must encounter, the self-denial that will be required. He desires them to count the cost, that they may not be taken unawares by the enemy.

"Their warfare is not to be waged against flesh and blood, but "against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:12. They are to contend with supernatural forces, but they are assured of supernatural help. All the intelligences of heaven are in this army. And more than angels are in the ranks. The Holy Spirit, the representative of the Captain of the Lord's host, comes down to direct the battle. Our infirmities may be many, our sins and mistakes grievous; but the grace of God is for all who seek it with contrition. The power of Omnipotence is enlisted in behalf of those who trust in God." (DA 352).

"Those who in the strength of Christ overcome the great enemy of God and man, will occupy a position in the heavenly courts above angels who have never fallen." (6BC 1113). "All who have borne with Jesus the cross of sacrifice will be sharers with Him of His glory. It was the joy of Christ in His humiliation and pain that His disciples should be glorified with Him. They are the fruit of His self-sacrifice. The outworking in them of His own character and spirit is His reward, and will be His joy throughout eternity. This joy they share with Him as the fruit of their labor and sacrifice is seen in other hearts and lives. They are workers together with Christ, and the Father will honor them as He honors His Son." (DA 624).

Will God's remnant glorify Him by overcoming evil as they face the foe, trust in God, and do not fear troubles or death?

|          | Face the Foe  | I desire it     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1        | 1. "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves." (Mt 10:16).  | hardly→strongly |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2        | Christ's disciples are to represent Him, presenting the gospel in the power of His divine tact and gentleness ( <i>DA 353</i> ). In controversy with enemies they must stay calm and be alert as serpents, but innocent and honest as doves ( <i>5BC 377</i> ).           |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4        | 2. "But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to the councils." (Mt 10:17-18).  |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 6      | Specifically, they must not be dependent on or rely on the counsel of men who are not guided by the Holy Spirit ( <i>DA 354</i> ). Being tried for their faith, they testify before great men of the world who otherwise might never hear the gospel ( <i>DA 354</i> ).   |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7        | 3. "I came not to send peace, but a swordAnd he that taketh not his cross" (Mt 10:34-39).   |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8        | Jesus asks them to realize the world's enmity to the gospel will not be overcome and its opposition not cease (DA 357).   |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9        | He bids them take their cross and promises rewards to anyone who recognizes the value of their mission (DA 357-358).  |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|          | Trust in God  |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10       | 4. "Take no thought how or what ye shall speak, for it shall be given you in that hour." (Mt 10:19-20).   |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11       | God's Spirit will illumine the disciples, and they will present the truth in its divine power and preciousness (DA 354).  |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12       | But this can only happen if they diligently search God's word, strengthen their faith by prayer, and trust Him (DA 355).  |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13       | 5. "He that endurethWhen they persecute you in this city, flee ye to another." (Mt 10:21-23; 24:13).  |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14       | Jesus promises ultimate salvation to His disciples if they endure despite hatred from family and the whole world ( <i>DA</i> 355).  |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15<br>16 | Yet He does not want them to expose themselves unnecessarily to persecution and be discouraged by it ( <i>DA</i> 355). Rather, as He did so are they to seek out other areas where they can still labor for the salvation of souls ( <i>DA</i> 355).                      |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10       |   |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|          | Do Not Fear   |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17       | 6. "The disciple is not above his masterFear them not thereforespeak ye in the light." (Mt 10:24-27).   |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18<br>19 | Jesus' disciples will be as misrepresented in their work as was Jesus, but eventually all this will be revealed (Mt 10:26).   |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|          | Regardless, they do not purchase peace by compromise or silence, but share truth openly and freely ( <i>DA</i> 355-356; <i>ML</i> 189).   |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20       | 7. "And fear not them which kill the body, but rather fear him which is able to destroy body and soul" (Mt 10:28).  |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21       | True disciples need not fear the power of men or the enmity of Satan, for in Jesus their eternal life is secure ( <i>DA</i> 356). "Their only fear should be lest they surrender the truth, and thus betray the trust with which God has honored them." ( <i>ibid</i> .). |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23       | 8. "Fear ye not therefore; ye are of more valueWhosoever shall confess me" (Mt 10:29-33).   |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24       | Jesus reminds His disciples of God's fatherly notice and constant protecting care even of small, wild birds (DA 356-357).   |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25       | He assures them of their much higher value and God's much greater sympathy and interest in their needs (DA 356-357).  |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26       | He promises He will confess His disciples before God if they bear witness to Him on earth by a Christlike life (DA 357).  |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

#### H. Tell the World - 3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus - 302. Promises to Claim

SUMMARY: As you consider the cost of overcoming, also remember the precious promises that God gave to us so we may claim them by faith.

The Lord wants to ensure His remnant people that He has made all the provisions necessary to preserve them in the faith and enable them to be faithful in the trials and sufferings during the last day events. His promises are precious because He guarantees to protect and sustain them, to bring about justice and their deliverance, and to graciously give them their great reward and eternal inheritance.

Will each member of God's people be faithful to Him by claiming these promises in the faith of Jesus?

|                                  | God's Precious Promises  | I claim it                          |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1                                | 1. Safety and Sustenance   | $hardly \mathop{\rightarrow} daily$ |
| 2                                | We can be strong, courageous, and fearless, because the Lord will never leave us, nor forsake us (Dt 31:6; Heb 13:5-6).  |                                     |
| 3                                | The Lord will hide us in time of trouble, His angel will surround us, because He is our keeper (Ps 27:5; 34:7; 121:1-7).   |                                     |
| 4                                | We need not be afraid, but trust the Lord and make Him our habitation, for He is our refuge and fortress (Ps 91:1-16).   |                                     |
| 5                                | As the Lord cared for Elijah, so our bread and water will be sure, and we will soon see our King (Isa 33:15-17; GC 629).   |                                     |
| 6<br>7                           | We need not fear; He redeemed us, we are His and are precious to Him; neither waters nor fire will harm us (Isa 43:1-4). When we love and obey Jesus, and preach His Gospel, He is always be with us by His Spirit (Jn 14:15-18; Mt 28:18-20).   |                                     |
| 8                                | We will have tribulation in this world, but Jesus has gained the victory for us and desires to share it with us (Jn 14:13-10; Nt 26:16-20).  |                                     |
| 9                                | We can, discern and overcome demonic influences by faith, because Jesus in us is greater than the devil (1 Jn 4:4; 5:4).   |                                     |
| 10                               | Similar promises:  |                                     |
| 11                               | ennial promises.   |                                     |
| 12                               |  |                                     |
| 13                               |  |                                     |
| 14                               |  |                                     |
| 15                               | 2. Justice and Deliverance   |                                     |
| 16                               | Although delayed to form their character (DA 200: COL 177), God will avenge His elect (Dt 32:43; Lk 18:7-8; Rom 12:19).  |                                     |
| 17                               | The Lord will deliver us and let us see the end of the wicked, if we trust Him now during terror and love Him (Ps 91:1-16).  |                                     |
| 18                               | The Lord will stand up for us, His people, whose names are written in His book, and deliver us (Da 12:1; 7:10; Rev 3:5).   |                                     |
| 19                               | Similar promises:  |                                     |
| 20                               |  |                                     |
| 21<br>22                         | - <del></del>  |                                     |
| 23                               |  |                                     |
| 24                               | 3. Reward and Inheritance  |                                     |
|                                  |  |                                     |
| 25                               | We are blessed, if we are persecuted as were the prophets of old, for our reward will be great in heaven (Mt 5:10-12).   |                                     |
| 26<br>27                         | We are blessed, if we are partakers of Christ's sufferings, because when He comes we will be full of joy (1 Pe 4:12-14). If we patiently and perseveringly endure to the end, run the race, we will be saved (Mt 24:14; Jas 5:7-11; Heb 12:1-4). |                                     |
| 28                               | If we are faithful unto death out of love for Jesus, we will receive the crown of life (2 Ti 4:8; Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10; 3:11).   |                                     |
| 29                               | If we keep God's truth and commandments, we have a right to enter the heavenly New Jerusalem (Isa 26:2; Rev 22:14).  |                                     |
| 30                               | Similar promises:  |                                     |
| 31                               |  |                                     |
| 32                               |  |                                     |
| 33                               |  |                                     |
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| 35                               | 4. Other Promises  |                                     |
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#### H. Tell the World – 3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus – 303. The Suffering of Heaven

SUMMARY: Your will long to help spread the gospel of God's love at any cost, when you consider the suffering sin has caused in heaven.

We hardly have any conception of the suffering that six thousand years of Satan's reign on the earth have brought to the heavenly angels and the heart of God. As humans, we are quick to blame God for all the suffering in the world, and to demand an immediate and satisfying answer to the many "Why?" or "Why me?" questions that burden and sadden us. And although we do not believe that He initiates such suffering, we still may wonder why He allows it. And even then, we tend to focus on what it does and means to us, without considering its effects on our God.

Yet as believers, we recognize that already the book of Job, as one of the oldest of Scripture, reveals the great controversy between God and Satan as the true reason for all the misery on earth. Truly, Moses' "long years spent amid desert solitudes were not lost. Not only was Moses gaining a preparation for the great work before him, but during this time, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he wrote the book of Genesis and also the book of Job, which would be read with the deepest interest by the people of God until the close of time." (*ST 02-19-1880*).

Why? Because this controversy between Jesus and Satan has a divinely designed end: the destruction of sin and sinners (Rev 20:14-15), the restoration of humanity and the earth to its original state (Rev 21:1-5), eternal harmony and joy in the universe (*GC* 678), and with that also the end of the divine grief over the suffering on this planet. God's people help bring it to an end, as they hasten the coming of Jesus by perfectly reproducing His character in their lives (2 Pe 3:11-12; *COL* 69), and by giving His last warning in latter rain power (Mt 24:14; Rev 18:1-5).

Does God's remnant see the burden, the duty, the sacred privilege, to help end all suffering on earth and in heaven? Will they tell the world of the Savior's last offer of mercy, even as they pray and prepare for the "times of refreshing?"

|    | The Suffering of Heaven – In the Words of Ellen G. White   |                            |
|----|--|----------------------------|
| 1  | God's Amazing Grace, 189   | hardly $\rightarrow$ daily |
| 2  | Few give thought to the suffering that sin has caused our Creator.   |                            |
| 3  | All heaven suffered in Christ's agony; but that suffering did not begin or end with His manifestation in humanity.           |                            |
| 4  | The cross is a revelation to our dull senses of the pain that, from its very inception, sin has brought to the heart of God. |                            |
| 5  | Every departure from the right, every deed of cruelty, every failure of humanity to reach His ideal, brings grief to Him.    |                            |
| 6  | When there came upon Israel the calamities that were the sure result of separation from God                                  |                            |
| 7  | subjugation by their enemies, cruelty, and death—  |                            |
| 8  | it is said that "his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel."   |                            |
| 9  | "In all their affliction he was afflicted: and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old" (Jdg 10:16; Isa 63:9).    |                            |
| 10 | His Spirit "maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."  |                            |
| 11 | As the "whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together" (Romans 8:26, 22),  |                            |
| 12 | the heart of the infinite Father is pained in sympathy.  |                            |
| 13 | Our world is a vast lazar house, a scene of misery that we dare not allow our thoughts to dwell upon.                        |                            |
| 14 | Did we realize it as it is, the burden would be too terrible.  |                            |
| 15 | Yet God feels it all.  |                            |
| 16 | Not a sigh is breathed, not a pain felt, not a grief pierces the soul, but the throb vibrates to the Father's heart.         |                            |
| 17 | He who knows the depths of the world's misery and despair,   |                            |
| 18 | knows by what means to bring relief  |                            |
| 19 | Although human beings have abused their mercies,   |                            |
| 20 | wasted their talents,  |                            |
| 21 | and lost the dignity of godlike manhood,   |                            |
| 22 | the Creator is to be glorified in their redemption.  |                            |
| 23 | In order to destroy sin and its results  |                            |
| 24 | He gave His best Beloved,  |                            |
| 25 | and He has put it in our power, through cooperation with Him,  |                            |
| 26 | to bring this scene of misery to an end.   |                            |
| 27 | [Quote added at this point in Ed 263, 'This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world                         |                            |
| 28 | for a witness unto all nations;  |                            |
| 29 | and then shall the end come.' Matthew 24:14."]   |                            |
| 30 | With such an army of workers as our youth  |                            |
| 31 | [and any other willing disciples of Jesus],  |                            |
| 32 | rightly trained, might furnish,  |                            |
| 33 | how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!                     |                            |
| 34 | How soon might the end comethe end of suffering and sorrow and sin!  |                            |



#### H. Tell the World – 3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus – 304. Final Considerations

SUMMARY: You have weighed all the pros and cons, the joy and the cost of witnessing. Now, you put your plans into action as the Lord leads.

Finally, the question is, what is the mission strategy and what are the ministry projects the Lord impresses you, individually and/or as a church, to put into action? Go back to pages 340-344 for the mission strategy and possible mission projects, and decide which one(s) to carry out. Identify final points to be considered, if any, before your choices will be implemented. Then move ahead in faith, while praying for, discerning, and trusting in the Lord's guidance and empowerment through His former and latter rain Spirit. To Him be all the glory!

| Strategy and Projects | Final Considerations |  |  |
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| Mission Strategy      |                      |  |  |
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#### H. Tell the World – 401. Commitment

Summary: Knowing now how you acquire the 6th mark of discipleship, overcoming witness, you commit to implementing it in your daily life.

Upon working and praying through this theme I commit and pledge allegiance to the following, by the grace of God and according to His will:

| My Commitment Pledge of Allegiance   | I make it<br>hesitantly → decidedly |  |  |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| H1. Enable the Latter Rain   |                                     |  |  |
| I commit to glorifying God by a holy life and consecrated ministry, both individually and as a part of the body of Christ.  I commit to glorifying God by willing self-sacrifice, including the offering of my life for His sake, when called upon.  |                                     |  |  |
| H2. Reflect the Character of Jesus   |                                     |  |  |
| I commit to glorifying God by understanding and helping others recognize the significance of the global Day of Atonemen I commit to glorifying God by afflicting my soul, or seeking total cleansing from all that hinders my receiving the latter rain  |                                     |  |  |
| H3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus   |                                     |  |  |
| I commit to glorifying God by counting the cost of overcoming evil, as it relates to my personal life and to my spiritual calli I commit to glorifying God by doing my part in implementing the church's mission strategy, and by carrying out ministry processing the committee of the cost of the committee of the cost of the committee of the cost of th |                                     |  |  |
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IV. Last Pages:

COMMITMENTS AND FINAL CALL

TO FAITHFULNESS

### <u>Last Pages – 101. Summary of Commitments 1</u>

SUMMARY: At the end of the training, you commit yourself to living out all aspects pertaining to the revival of apostolic faith and godliness.

| Now, it is a matter of putting all commitments into action, by the grace of God and according to His will. May He receive all the honor and glory.   |                               |  |
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| My Summary of Commitments / Pledge of Allegiance REVIVAL – Apostolic Faith and Godliness hesita  | I make it<br>ntly → decidedly |  |
| A. Sound the Trumpet (A1. Awake to Our Present Time; A2. Stand on the Side of Truth; A3. Qualify for the Seal of God).   |                               |  |
| A1.: I commit to preparing for the final corporate battle of the Great Controversy, against Babylon, the "beast without".  A1.: I commit to engaging in the daily personal battle of the Great Controversy, against self, the "beast within".                                  |                               |  |
| A2.: I commit to helping spread the prophetic Three Angels' Messages, and to reject any lies of the counterfeit.  A2.: I commit to waiting for the glorious return of the true Christ, and to resist any deception of the false Christ.  |                               |  |
| A3.: I commit to accepting all three purposes and to qualify for all four stages of the divine sealing process.  A3.: I commit to remaining alert to and faithful during all end time events, rejoicing that our salvation is drawing near.                                    |                               |  |
| B. Hear the Call (B1. Join the Revival and Reformation; B2. Fulfill the Divine Commission; B3. Be Ready to Stand at Last).   |                               |  |
| B1.: I commit to the prophetic call throughout history to participate in the urgently needed revival and reformation.  B1.: I commit to following all the steps that enable our end-time ministry and contribute to the vindication of God's character.                        |                               |  |
| B2.: I commit to acting my part in our double duty to fulfill the Great Commission and to spread the Three Angels' Messages. B2.: I commit to walking through all the steps of becoming a true disciple of Christ, and to helping others do the same.                          |                               |  |
| B3.: I commit to putting on the whole armor of God, and to using it to daily fight the good fight of faith in the strength of Jesus.  B3.: I commit to working on the plan of addition of virtues, and to daily buying the goods the Lord urges upon the Laodicean church.     |                               |  |
| C. Come to Life (C1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus; C2. Receive Salvation by Faith; C3. Obey Jesus out of Love).   |                               |  |
| C1.: I commit to daily trusting in God's love, and to relying on His faithfulness to His plan of salvation as He works it out in me. C1.: I commit to daily spending thoughtful time reflecting on the cross of Jesus, and to letting this central truth impact my total life. |                               |  |
| C2.: I commit to following God's plan of the three steps of restoration, and to daily implementing them in their proper order.  C2.: I commit to receiving my justification from God TODAY, and to daily maintaining it through confession of sin and faith in Christ.         |                               |  |
| C3.: I commit to receiving the three baptisms – in water, of the Spirit, and of suffering – in the way and at the time God has chosen.  C3.: I commit to keeping all of God's commandments, and to also practicing the other three identifying marks of His remnant church.    |                               |  |
| D. Join the Movement (D1. Accept our Prophetic Identity; D2. Agree with the SDA Beliefs; D3. Order your life as a Steward).  |                               |  |
| D1.: I commit to understanding the history and purpose, and to fulfilling the message and mission of God's remnant movement. D1.: I commit to striving "with all the power that God has given us to be among the hundred and forty-four thousand." ( <i>Mar</i> 241).          |                               |  |
| D2.: I commit to understanding and affirming the four pillar beliefs of the remnant, and to allowing them to shape my life.  D2.: I commit to understanding and affirming to the 28 fundamental beliefs of the remnant, and to allowing them to shape my life.                 |                               |  |
| D3.: I commit to ordering my life in accordance with all aspects of the seven areas of responsible and faithful stewardship.  D3.: I commit to ordering my life in accordance with all aspects of the three areas of preparation for the coming time of trouble.               |                               |  |
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### <u>Last Pages – 102. Summary of Commitments 2</u>

**SUMMARY:** Furthermore, you commit yourself to implementing **all** aspects pertaining to the **reformation** of your end-time lifestyle and ministry.

| Now, it is a matter of putting all commitments into action, by the grace of God and according to His will. May He receive all the honor and glory.   |                                |  |
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| My Summary of Commitments / Pledge of Allegiance REFORMATION – End-Time Lifestyle and Ministry hesita  | I make it<br>antly → decidedly |  |
| E. Grow in Grace (E1. Let Jesus Form Within; E2. Study the Word of God; E3. Pray According to God's Will).   |                                |  |
| E1.: I commit to daily practicing the three steps in sanctification symbolized by the lampstand, showbread, and alter of incense. E1.: I commit to daily be more restored into Jesus' image by allowing Him to develop His character traits in me through His Spirit.          |                                |  |
| E2.: I commit to daily beholding Jesus' life, character, and calling by studying, contemplating, and implementing His written Word. E2.: I commit to taking the four steps in Bible study, regarding its authority, a right attitude, method of interpretation, and response.  |                                |  |
| E3.: I commit to taking my proper place as a human intercessor in the divine 5-step process of effective Spirit-led prayer.  E3.: I commit to daily following the divine provisions made for effectual prayer before, during, and after making my intercessions.               |                                |  |
| F. Share the Love (F1. Exercise Christlike Love; F2. Contribute to Church Meetings; F3. Help with Practical Support).  |                                |  |
| F1.: I commit to obeying the two great commandments to love God with all my heart and mind, and to love my neighbors as myself.  F1.: I commit to exercising love as described in 1 Co 13, and to loving my fellow believers as Jesus and the apostles instruct us.            |                                |  |
| F2.: I commit to making unselfish, even sacrificial, contributions to the meetings of my local congregation and the wider church. F2.: I commit to making unselfish, even sacrificial, contributions to the meetings of smaller ministry groups of my local congregation.      |                                |  |
| F3.: I commit to ministering to needy church members anywhere and in my local congregation, according to my ability and means. F3.: I commit to ministering to needy members of the local community and around the world, according to my ability and means.                   |                                |  |
| G. Bear much Fruit (G1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents; G2. Organize and Combine All Talents; G3. Utilize and Commend A   | II Talents).                   |  |
| G1.: I commit to periodically reevaluating my spiritual gift(s) in order to see if I have grown in my experience and/or number of gifts.  G1.: I commit to periodically revisiting and/or requesting the evaluation and confirmation of my spiritual gift(s) by other members. |                                |  |
| G2.: I commit to remaining informed about other ministry areas opening up in which I might use my spiritual gift(s) more effectively.  G2.: I commit to keeping the church informed about my preferred ministry area(s), and to being available to meet related needs.         |                                |  |
| G3.: I commit to investing my spiritual gift(s) and other talents in fitting areas of my personal life, in my church, and in the world. G3.: I commit to staying involved in personal, group, and/or congregational ministry projects according to where I can serve best.     |                                |  |
| H. Tell the World (H1. Enable Latter Rain Power; H2. Reflect the Character of Jesus; H3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus).  |                                |  |
| H1.: I commit to glorifying God by a holy life and consecrated ministry, both individually and as a part of the body of Christ.  H1.: I commit to glorifying God by willing self-sacrifice, including the offering of my life for His sake, if and/or when called upon.        |                                |  |
| H2.: I commit to glorifying God by understanding and helping others recognize the significance of the global Day of Atonement.  H2.: I commit to glorifying God by afflicting my soul, or seeking total cleansing from all that hinders my receiving the latter rain.          |                                |  |
| H3.: I commit to glorifying God by counting the cost of overcoming evil, as it relates to my personal life and my spiritual calling.  H3.: I commit to glorifying God by doing my part in implementing the church's mission strategy, and by carrying out ministry projects.   |                                |  |
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#### <u>Last Pages - 201. Final Call</u>

**SUMMARY:** Now that you heard Jesus' call to become a disciple and to make disciples, and chose to act on it, will you prove faithful to the end?

The root of Christian discipleship is a committed and joyous love for Jesus. The fruit of Christian discipleship is an intimate and glorious life with Jesus.

"Thou must preach again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings." (Rev 10:11). "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Mt 24:14).

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, Let him take of the water of life freely. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (Rev 22:17, 20).

"If every church member were a living missionary, the gospel would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to all peoples, nations, and tongues." (97.32).

"My brethren and sisters, it is too late to devote your time and strength to self-serving. Let not the last day find you destitute of the heavenly treasure. Seek to push the triumphs of the cross, seek to enlighten souls, labor for the salvation of your fellow beings, and your work will abide the trying test of fire." (97 56).

"The judgments of God are in the earth, and, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we must give the message of warning. We must give this message quickly, line upon line, precept upon precept. Men will soon be forced to great decisions, and it is our duty to see that they are given an opportunity to understand the truth, that they may take their stand intelligently on the right side. The Lord calls upon His people to labor – labor earnestly and wisely – while probation lingers." (9*T* 126-127).

| My Final Notes |  |
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