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This is LATE - L.A.T.E - Living At The End — for we are **late** into the prophetic timeline of earth's history and you and I must know how to live successfully and to be an effective witness for present truth in these perilous times. Using the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy this SWM Radio program seeks to provide the spiritual and physical tools we need for daily living and consecration to God at the end of time.

In each program, we pose questions pertinent to God's remnant people living at the end of time; have a Time of the End Feature; a Healthful Living Feature; provide answers to the questions posed; and recommend Take Away Tips from our discussions for Living at the End. This is your host Brother Nanton. Let us pray.

Time of the End Feature – Standing At The End

The Treatment of Sabbath Keepers

I saw that those who oppose the Sabbath of the Lord could not take the Bible and show that our position is incorrect; therefore they would slander those who believe and teach the truth and would attack their characters. Many who were once conscientious and loved God and His Word have become so hardened by rejecting the light of truth that they do not hesitate to wickedly misrepresent and falsely accuse those who love the holy Sabbath, if by so doing they can injure the influence of those who fearlessly declare the truth. **But these things will not hinder the work of God.** In fact, this course pursued by those who hate the truth will be the very means of opening the eyes of some. **EW 69.3**

Many Professed Believers Do Not Realize What Must be Done

I also saw that many do not realize what they must be in order to live in the sight of the Lord without a high priest in the sanctuary through the time of trouble. **Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully.** **EW 71.1**

Neglecting Preparation

I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful and were looking to the time of "refreshing" and the "latter rain" to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation; therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God. Those who refuse to **be hewed by the prophets** and fail to **purify their souls in obeying the whole truth**, and who are willing to believe that their condition is far better than it really is, will come up to the time of the falling of the plagues, and then see that they needed to be hewed and squared for the building. But there will be no time then to do it and no Mediator to plead their cause before the Father. Before this time the awfully solemn declaration has gone forth, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he

which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. **EW 71.2**

I saw that none could share the “refreshing” unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should, therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord and be earnestly seeking that preparation necessary to enable us to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. **EW 71.2**

Healthful Living Feature - Rest

Isaiah 30:15: *For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; in returning and rest shall ye be saved.*

2 Chronicles 20:15 *Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not your's but God's.*

The first full day of Adam and Eve's life was one of rest - the Sabbath. Rest is both a preparation for work to be done as well as a recovery from work done.

God set this order from the beginning – and the evening and the morning were the first day Gen 1:5 – and man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening. Psalm 104:23

Persecution has always begun over God's day of Rest and will continue to be so until the end of time. When Moses and the elders approached the children of Egypt in bondage to bring the message of deliverance they were required to remember and keep the Sabbath. This bought persecution in the form of gathering straw in addition to making bricks.

Sin is a Job. It is the work of the devil – The WAGES of sin is death; the WORKS of the flesh are manifest

REST is the refuge in God from SIN – Understanding both the full physical and spiritual meaning of rest gives the believer the power to overcome sin

Come unto me all ye that LABOR and are heavy laden and I will give you REST. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find REST unto your souls. Matt 11:28-29

Physical REST is a period of inactivity during which the faculties restore expended energy; eliminates excess waste; replenishes enzymes in the body; strengthens the immune system; repairs the body; strengthens the muscles and the memory.

Spiritual rest is a period of inactivity of the soul during which it is to be restored to and by God; cleansed of the waste the daily struggle with sin has caused; replenished by the refreshing of the Holy Spirit; strengthened in the Word; repaired of the spiritual wounds the battle has inflicted; and covered with the armor of God to go forth again into the Valley of the Shadow of Death.

As overworking affects our physical rest negatively, so does the labor of sin prevent us from entering the Divine Rest

Our questions today are seven in number.

1. How can Sabbath keepers expect to be treated when the Sunday Law is being agitated and passed?

Answer: Because the argument of Sabbath cannot be argued effectively from the Bible, opponents of Sabbath keepers will slander those who believe and teach the truth; and attack their characters. Former friends and Sabbath keepers will wickedly misrepresent and falsely accuse those who love the holy Sabbath.

2. What must God's remnant people reflect to receive the seal of God in the time of trouble?

Answer: Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully.

3. What is the needful preparation to be made to fit us to stand in the day of the Lord?

Answer: The needful preparation to be made is to allow yourself daily to be hewed by the prophets (i.e, to study the Bible daily and to follow God's instructions therein) and to purify your souls in obeying the whole truth. Failure to do this will bring you up to the time of trouble and the close of probation unprepared for the falling of the plagues and oblivious that the final warning of Revelation 22:11 has already been issued and we are now too late.

4. What is necessary for God's remnant people to receive the latter rain or the time of refreshing?

Answer: I saw that none could share the "refreshing" unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should, therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord and be earnestly seeking that preparation necessary to enable us to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord

5. How does the Bible show us that REST is both preparatory and restorative to the lives of believers?

Answer: Adam and Eve's first day of life was one of the rest in preparation for their work of dressing and keeping the garden; also the Bible shows us that the evening comes before the morning and in Psalms 104 we learn that man goes to his work in the day and returns to rest at night. God therefore wants us both to be prepared and restored through His rest.

6. How does REST help us in our battle over sin?

Answer: Sin is the work of the devil. The WAGES of SIN is death; the WORKS of the flesh are manifest. REST in God is both our preparation for the battle against sin and our restoration and recuperation from that daily battle. REST is our high tower in which we may find refuge as we travel through the valley of death daily.

7. What has often been the consequence of keeping God's 7th Day holy?

Answer: Persecution has always come upon God's people who remain true to His Sabbath. In the times of Roman persecution Christians were identified by their keeping of the Sabbath and when Moses was chosen to deliver God's people from Egyptian

bondage, he first required that they keep the Sabbath. That was when Pharaoh ordered them to also gather straw as well as make bricks. So it will be that when the Sunday Law is passed God's people who remain faithful will be prevented from buying and selling and the death decree will eventually be proclaimed against them.

Take Away Tips

- .Expect to be slandered and misrepresented even by family and friends.
- Study the Bible daily and purify yourself by full obedience to its great truths and instruction.
- Enter into God's rest to draw nigh to Him and to prepare for the time of trouble that is now upon us.