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Welcome to 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. In this SWM Radio program we use the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy to answer pertinent questions posed to God's remnant people in order 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 have a Time of the End Feature and a Healthful Living Feature which provides answers to the questions posed and then we recommend some 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 --Crime, Corruption and Immorality – Signs of the End

Increase of Crime and Corruption

We are living in the midst of an epidemic of crime at which thoughtful God-fearing men everywhere stand aghast. The corruption that prevails is beyond the power of the pen to describe. Every day brings fresh revelations of political strife, bribery and fraud. Every day brings its heart sickening record of violence and lawlessness, of indifference to human suffering, of brutal fiendish destruction of human life. Every day testifies to the increase of insanity, murder and suicide. Who can doubt that satanic agencies are at work among men with increasing activity to distract and corrupt the mind, and defile and destroy the body.

MH 142-143

Satanic agencies have made the earth a stage of horrors, which no language can describe. **TMK 211 (That I My Know Him)**

Courts of Justice are corrupt. Rulers are actuated by a desire for gain and love of sensual pleasure. Intemperance has beclouded the faculties of many, so that Satan has almost complete control of them. Jurists are perverted, bribed, deluded. Drunkenness and revelry, passion, envy, dishonesty of every sort, are represented among those who administer the laws. *Justice standeth afar off, for the truth is fallen in the street and equity cannot enter.* (Isaiah 59:14) **GC 586**

Government Officials Expose One Another in Crime

Iniquity and crime of every order are found in high places of the earth, and those who assent to these wrongs are seeking to shield the guilty ones from punishment. Not one hundredth part of the corruptions that exist is being made plain to the world. Men in high places are giving evidence that their thoughts are evil continually. Many are seeking after riches, and scruple not to add to their wealth through fraudulent transactions. The Lord is permitting these men to expose one another in their evil deeds. Some of their iniquitous practices are being laid open before the world, that thinking men who still have a desire in their hearts to be honest and just with their fellow men may understand why God is beginning to send his judgments on the earth. **TM 457, 458**

Immorality – Special Sin of the Age

God gave them up to vile affections; for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature. And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the women, burned in the lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error. **Romans 1:26-27.**

I have been shown that we live amid the evil of the last days. A terrible picture of the condition of the world has been presented before me. Immorality abounds everywhere. Licentiousness is the special sin of this age. Never did vice lift its deformed head with such boldness as now. **2T 346**

There is a strange abandonment of principle, the standard of morality is lowered, and the earth is fast becoming a Sodom. The practices which brought the judgment of God upon Sodom are fast increasing. We are nearing the end, when the earth is to be purified by fire. **GW 125-126 (Gospel Workers)**

Many cities are becoming a very Sodom in the sight of heaven. **Ev 25**

Indulgence of lustful passions is the prevailing sin of this age and its progress is fearful. **2T 306-307**

Moral Pollution has done more than any other evil to cause the race to degenerate. It is practiced to an alarming extent and brings disease of almost every description. **2T 391**

The uncontrolled indulgence and consequent disease that existed at Christ's first advent will again exist with intensity of evil before His second coming. Christ declares that the condition of the world will be as in Sodom and Gomorrah. Upon the verge of that fearful time we are now living. **DA 122**

Healthful Living Feature – Prayer, Healing and God's Will

No Healing Miracles if simple Remedies Neglected

We cannot expect the Lord to work a miracle for us while we neglect the simple remedies He has provided for our use, which aptly and opportunely applied will bring a miraculous result. **7BC 939**

If we neglect to do that which is within the reach of nearly every family, and ask the Lord to relieve pain when we are too indolent to make use of these remedies within our power, it is simply presumption. **MM 230**

Careful Consideration before Prayer for Healing

Only as we live in obedience to His word can we claim His promises. Special prayer for the recovery of the sick is a most solemn act, and should not be entered on without careful consideration. In many cases of prayer for the healing of the sick, that which is called faith is nothing less than presumption. Many persons bring disease upon themselves by their self-indulgence. If God were to work a miracle in restoring these persons to health He would be encouraging sin. **MH 227**

Those who will gratify their appetite, and then suffer because of intemperance, and take drugs to relieve them, may be assured God will not interpose to save health and life which is so recklessly imperiled. The cause has produced the effect. Many as their last resort, follow the directions in the Word of God, and request the prayers of the elders of the church for their restoration of health. God does not see fit to answer prayers offered in behalf of such, for He knows if they were restored to health, they would again sacrifice it upon the altar of unhealthy appetite. **CD 26**

Understanding Prayer and Healing

Those who seek healing by prayer should not neglect to make use of the remedial agencies within their reach. It is not a denial of faith to use such remedies as God has provided to alleviate pain and to aid nature in her work of restoration. **MH 231-232**

Should health be restored (after prayer), it should not be forgotten that the recipient of healing mercy is placed under renewed obligation to the Creator. **GW 221**

When we have prayed for the recovery of the sick, whatever the outcome of the case, let us not lose faith in God. If we are called upon to meet bereavement, let us accept the bitter cup, remembering that a Father's hand holds it to our lips. **GW 221**

It is not always safe to ask for unconditional healing. Jesus loves them better than we possibly can. He knows whether or not those for whom petitions are offered would be able to endure the trial and test

that would come upon them if they lived. Many will be laid to away sleep before the fiery ordeal of the time of trouble shall come upon our world. **CH 374, 375**

Questions

- 1 What spiritual assertion is being made by the increasing crime and corruption in society and politics?
Answer: The increasing crime and corruption on the world scene is evidence that satanic agencies are at work among men to distract and corrupt the mind and defile and destroy the body.
- 2 Why does God expose corruption in high places?
Answer: So that thinking honest men may understand why God is beginning to send His judgments on the world.
- 3 What are the special sins of this age?
Answer: Immorality, licentiousness, sexual perversion, and indulgence of lustful passions are the prevailing sins of this age and it signifies, like it did for Sodom and Gomorrah, that the end is near and judgment is nigh.
- 4 Is there a time when God's people should not pray for healing?
Answer: We should not pray for healing when simple remedies God has provided, aptly and opportunely applied, can bring about miraculous results.
- 5 When is the professed prayer of faith nothing more than presumption?
Answer: When sickness is brought about by self-indulgence, gratification of appetite and intemperance, then drugs are taken to relieve it, the God cannot work a miracle for He would be encouraging sin.
- 6 If health is restored through prayer what must not be forgotten?
Answer: Then both the intercessor and the one healed are now under renewed obligation of obedience to the Creator.
- 7 What must the believer always keep in mind when praying for healing?
Answer: Whatever the outcome never lose faith. Jesus loves and knows the sick ones better than we do. Many will be laid to sleep who would not be able to endure the fiery trials and test that would come upon them had they lived.

Take Away Tips

- The increase of crime and corruption exposed in high places is evidence of satanic forces at work to distract men's minds from the coming conflict.
- The unbridled indulgence of lustful and sexual passions with immorality abounding everywhere is a sign, like in the time of Sodom and Gomorrah, that the end is near, even at the doors.
- Do not pray for healing while neglecting the application of simple remedies God has provided which have miraculous results.
- God cannot answer the prayer of healing when sickness has been caused by gratification of appetite, self-indulgence and intemperance for He would be encouraging sin.
- We must always remain faithful regardless of the outcome of our prayers for healing since God knows better than we do.