

## LATE - 27

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 – Who Will NOT Receive The Latter Rain

#### **Some SDAs will Not Recognize the Latter Rain and Oppose It**

Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it. **TN 507**

There is to be in the churches a wonderful manifestation of the Spirit of God, but it will not move upon those who have not humbled themselves before the Lord, and opened the door of their heart by confession and repentance. In the manifestation of the power that lightens the earth with its glory, they will see only something which in their blindness they think dangerous, something which will arouse their fears, and they will brace themselves to resist it. Because the Lord does not work according to their expectations and ideas, they will oppose the work. Why, they say, should we not know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years. **RH 12/23/1890**

But should the Lord work upon men as He did on and after the day of Pentecost, many who now claim to believe the truth would know so very little of the operation of the Holy Spirit that they would cry, Beware of fanaticism. There will be those who will question and criticize when the Spirit of God takes possession of men and women, because their own hearts are not moved, but are cold and unimpressionable. **2SM 57.**

#### **Unprepared for the Latter Rain**

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. 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. **EW 71.**

The measure of the Holy Spirit we receive, will be proportioned to the measure of our desire and the faith exercised for it, and the use we shall make of the light and knowledge that shall be given us. We shall be entrusted with the Holy Spirit according to our capacity to receive and our ability to impart it to others. **RH 5/5/1896**

#### **Criteria For Receiving the Latter Rain**

We may be sure that when the Holy Spirit is poured out those who did not receive and appreciate the early rain will not see or understand the value of the latter rain. **TM 399**

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. **EW 71**

It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost. **5T 214**

#### **What Prevents Reception of the Latter Rain**

The great outpouring of the Spirit of God will not come until we as an enlightened people, know by experience what it means to be laborers together with God. When we have an entire, whole hearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize this fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not come while the largest portion of the church are not laborers with God. **RH 7/21/1896**

I was shown God's people waiting for some change to take place – a compelling power to take hold of them. But they will be disappointed, for they are wrong. They must act, they must take hold of the work themselves. **1T 261**

Those who make no decided effort, but simply wait for the Holy Spirit to compel them to action, will perish in darkness. You are not to sit still and do nothing in the work of God. **Christian Service 228**

There are some who, instead of wisely improving present opportunities, are idly waiting for some special season of spiritual refreshing by which their ability to enlighten others will be greatly increased. They neglect present duties and privileges, and allow their light to burn dim, while they look forward to a time when without any effort on their part, they will be made the recipients of special blessing, by which they will be transformed and fitted for service. **AA 54**

#### **SDA Work Powerless Until Baptism of Holy Spirit is Received**

What we need is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Without this we are no more fitted to go forth to the world than were the disciples after the crucifixion of their Lord. If divine power does not combine with human effort, I would not give a straw for all that the greatest man could do. The Holy Spirit is wanting in our work. **1SM 411**

### **Healthful Living Feature – The Cause and the Cure for Mental Affliction**

#### **Causes of Mental Affliction**

My strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed. **Psalms 31:10**

The sinner's own thoughts are his accusers; and there can be no torture keener than the sting of a guilty conscience, which gives him no rest day or night. **DA 223**

The feeling of guiltiness must be laid at the foot of the cross, or it will poison the springs of life. **TM 518**

Remorse for sin sometimes undermines the constitution and unbalances the mind. **CH 324**

The fact that men have been possessed with demons, is clearly stated in the New Testament. The persons thus afflicted were not merely suffering with disease from natural causes. Christ had perfect understanding of that with which He was dealing, and He recognized the direct presence and agency of evil spirits. **GC 514**

#### **Cures for Mental Affliction**

When the sunlight of God's love illuminates the darkened chambers of the soul, restless weariness and dissatisfaction will cease, and satisfying joys will give vigor to the mind and health and energy to the body. **MH 247**

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. **1 John 4:18**

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love and of a sound mind. **2 Timothy 1:7**

Only the sense of God's presence can banish fear. **Ed 255**

The religion of Christ, so far from being the cause of insanity, is one of its most effective remedies, for it is a potent soother of the nerves. **5T 444**

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee. Isaiah 26:3 If your mind is stayed on God. You will not go from a state of ecstasy to the valley of despondency when trial and temptation come upon you, **MYP 327, 328 (Message to Young People)**

## Questions

- 1      What are some of the things in our own lives that can prevent us from receiving the latter rain?  
Answer: If we are not daily advancing in Christian virtues; or have not humbled ourselves before God; or opened the door of our hearts by confession and repentance, we cannot receive the latter rain.
- 2      Why will some brace themselves to resist and oppose the work of the latter rain?  
Answer: Because in their blindness the latter rain falling upon some will arouse their fears and they will think it dangerous since they believe that because of their many years in the work they be able to recognize the Spirit of God.
- 3      Why will some in the church label as fanatics those upon whom the latter rain is falling?  
Answer: Because their cold, unimpressionable hearts have not been moved because they have neglected the needful preparation.
- 4      What is required of us to receive the latter rain?  
Answer: We must obtain the victory over pride, selfishness, love of the world and every wrong action and deed. We must also remedy the defects in our characters and cleanse the soul temple of every defilement.
- 5      What are some of the false beliefs many church members hold concerning the latter rain?  
Answer: That they need do nothing but wait for the latter rain to compel them to action; that a special season of refreshing will come to enable them to enlighten others; and that without any effort on their part they will be made recipients of a special blessing which will fit them to do the work.
- 6      What are two main causes for mental affliction?  
Answer: Guilt and remorse for sin as well as demon possession are two of the main causes of mental affliction.
- 7      What is the main remedy for mental affliction?  
Answer: To keep your mind stayed on God who will keep you in perfect peace is the main remedy for mental affliction.

## Take Away Tips

- We must make the needful preparation now of Bible study, active service for God, confession and repentance so that we can receive the latter rain and participate effectively in the closing work.

- Many of us, because we have been in the message for so long, and because of the hardness of our hearts will not receive the latter rain but will oppose it and criticize those who do.
- We must not believe that as church members that all we have to do is wait for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to fit us for the work. We must be co-laborers with Him from now.
- We can overcome mental affliction caused by guilt and fear by keeping our minds stayed on God who has given us a spirit of power, love and a sound mind.