

## LATE - 28

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 –Receiving the Latter Rain

#### Living Working Churches Receive the Spirit

When the churches become living, working churches, the Holy Spirit will be given in answer to their sincere request. They will then plead with souls with an earnestness that cannot be repulsed. Then the windows of heaven will be open for the showers of the latter rain. **RH 2/25/1890**

#### Attend Places Where the Spirit Will be Poured Out

We should improve every opportunity of placing ourselves in the channel of blessing. The convocations of the church, as in camp meetings, the assemblies of the home church, and all occasions where there is personal labor for souls, are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and latter rain. But let none think that in attending these gatherings, their duty is done. A mere attendance upon all the meetings that are held will not in itself bring a blessing to the soul. The circumstances may seem to be favorable for a rich outpouring of the sowers of grace. But God Himself must command the rain to fall. Let us with contrite hearts, pray most earnestly that now, in the time of the latter rain, the showers of grace may fall upon us. **TM 508, 509**

#### Putting Self Aside

There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart and lives a life wholly consecrated to God. All who consecrate body, soul and spirit to His service will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical, mental and spiritual power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. **2SM 57.**

As you empty the heart of self, Jesus will supply the vacuum by the gift of the Spirit. **TMK 165 (That I May Know Him)**

#### Waiting in Humility and Faith

Only those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for His guidance and grace, is the Spirit given. The power of God awaits their demand and reception. This promised blessing, claimed by faith, brings all other blessings in its train. He is ready to supply every soul according to the capacity to receive. **DA 672.**

If all were willing, all would be filled with the Holy Spirit. **AA 50**

#### Seek, Pray and Plead

The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church is looked forward to as an event in the future; but it is the privilege of the church to have it now. Seek it, pray for it, believe for it. We must have it, and Heaven is waiting to bestow it. **Ev 701**

My brethren and sisters, plead for the Holy Spirit. God stands back of every promise He has made. With your Bibles in your hands, say: I have done as Thou hast said, I present thy promise, "Ask and it shall be given you." **8T 23**

Pray that the mighty energies of the Holy Spirit with all their quickening, recuperative and transforming power may fall like an electric shock on the palsy stricken soul, causing every nerve to thrill with new life. **5T 267**

#### **How the Spirit Comes**

Let all seek for the Holy Spirit. As with the disciples, it may require several days of earnestly seeking God and putting away sin. **ML 58 (My Life Today)**

The answer may come with sudden velocity and overwhelming might, or it may be delayed for days or weeks, and our faith receive a trial. But God knows how and when to answer our prayer. It is our part of the work to put ourselves in connection with the divine channel. Jesus is ready to do for us what he did on the Day of Pentecost. **SR 247**

The Spirit came upon the waiting, praying disciples with a fullness that reached every heart. They grasped the imparted gift, and what followed? The sword of the Spirit, newly edged with power, and bathed in the lightnings of heaven, cut its way through unbelief. Thousands were converted in a day. **AA 38**

God has promised us the aid of His Holy Spirit. The heavenly current is flowing earthward for the accomplishment of the very work appointed us. **6T 244**

Christ had an infinite variety of subjects from which to choose, but the one upon which He dwelt largely was the endowment of the Holy Spirit. **1SM 156**

### **Healthful Living Feature – A Balanced and Purified Mind**

#### **Balanced Mind**

All the powers of the mind should be exercised, all the faculties cultivated. Perception, judgment, memory, and all the reasoning powers, should have equal strength in order that minds may be well balanced. **3T 33**

None should consent to be mere machines, run by another man's mind. Stand in your God given personality. Be no other's person's shadow. Expect that the Lord will work in and by and through you. **MH 498, 499**

#### **Reflect on Christ and Eternal Matters**

Those who will walk closely in the footsteps of their self-sacrificing, self-denying Redeemer, will have the mind of Christ reflected in their minds. **4T 354**

It is a law of the human mind that by beholding we become changed. Man will rise no higher than his conceptions of truth, purity and holiness. If the mind is never exalted above the level of humanity, if it is not uplifted by faith to contemplate infinite wisdom and love, the man will constantly be sinking lower and lower. **PP 91**

#### **Guard the Avenues of the Mind**

The Apostle Paul sought to teach the believers how important it is to keep the mind from wandering to forbidden themes, or from spending its energies on trifling subjects. Those who would not fall prey to Satan's devices, must guard well the avenues of the soul; they must avoid reading, seeing or hearing that which will suggest impure thoughts. The mind must not be left to dwell at random upon every subject that the enemy of souls may suggest. The heart must be faithfully sentinelled, or evils without will awaken evils within, and the soul will wander in darkness. Gird up the loins of your mind bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. **AA 518**

The opinion which prevails in some classes of society, that religion is not conducive to health or happiness in this life, is one of the most mischievous of errors. The Scripture says: the fear of the Lord

tendeth to life; and he that hath it shall abide satisfied. Prov 19:23. True religion brings man into harmony with the laws of God, physical, mental, and moral. It teaches self-control, serenity, temperance. Religion ennobles the mind, refines the taste, and sanctifies the judgment. Faith in God's love and overruling providence lightens the burdens of anxiety and care. It fills the heart with joy and contentment in the highest or the lowliest lot. Religion tends directly to promote health, to lengthen life, and to heighten our enjoyment of all its blessings. It opens to the soul a never-failing fountain of happiness. **PP 600**

## Questions

- 1 When will churches receive the Holy Spirit?  
Answer: When they become living working churches.
- 2 How do we make room in our lives for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?  
Answer: When we put aside self and consecrate body and mind and soul to His service.
- 3 What are some of the things individuals and the church must do to receive the Latter rain?  
Answer: We and the church must learn to wait in humility upon God, watching for His guidance and grace; be willing to receive it; seek for it, pray for it, plead for it and believe in it.
- 4 How long does the Holy Spirit take to come?  
Answer: It may require several days of earnestly seeking God and putting away sin; or it may come suddenly with velocity and might; but it is in the hands of God who knows when and how to answer our prayers.
- 5 What brings about a balanced mind?  
Answer: When all the faculties of perception, judgment, memory and reasoning are cultivated by thinking for oneself and expecting that God will work in, by and through you, then you will develop a balanced mind.
- 6 How do we guard the avenues of the mind?  
Answer: We guard the avenues of the mind by keeping it from wondering to forbidden themes; refusing to spend time on trifling subjects; avoid watching, reading and hearing that will suggest impure thoughts; and reflecting on Christ and eternal matters .
- 7 How does pure religion affect the mind, body and soul?  
Answer: Pure religion teaches self-control, serenity and temperance; .it ennobles the mind, refines the taste, and sanctifies the judgment; it lightens the burdens of anxiety and care; and it promotes health, lengthens life and opens the soul to a never-failing fountain of happiness.

## Take Away Tips

- We must always have a contrite heart, pray earnestly, plead constantly, deny self and put away sin so we can make room for the Holy Spirit.
- When we consecrate body, soul and spirit to the service of the Lord we will constantly receive physical, mental and spiritual power from on high.
- The avenues of the mind must be guarded against the advances of the evil one by reflecting always on Christ and eternal matters and bring all thoughts into captivity and obedience to God.

- It is true religion that brings us into harmony with God, relieves our burdens of anxiety and care; sanctifies our judgment; and promotes healing and length of life.