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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. Then we will provide answers to the questions posed and 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 – Experience, Feeling, Excitement and Tongues**

#### **False Experience While Rejecting Bible Truth**

Here is where we have met the greatest difficulties in religious matters. The plainest facts may be presented, the clearest truths, sustained by the Word of God, may be brought before the mind, but the ear and heart are closed, and the all-convincing argument is “my experience.” Some will say “the Lord has blessed me in believing and doing as I have; therefore I cannot be in error.” “My Experience” is clung to, and the most elevating, sanctifying truths of the Bible are rejected for what they are pleased to style ‘experience.’ Misjudged experience is opposed to the plainest revealed facts. Men and women have been deceived by relying upon their ‘experience.’ A true experience will be in harmony with natural and divine law. **3T 71-73**

#### **Many Christians Feel a Lack and Attend Pentecostal Type Meetings**

Through a lack of faith many who seek to obey the commandments of God have little peace and joy; they do not correctly represent the sanctification that is to come through obedience to the truth. They are not anchored in Christ. Many feel a lack in their experience; they desire something they do not have; and this are led to attend [popular revival holiness/Pentecostal] meetings, and are charmed with the sentiments of those who break the law. There is no safety, much less benefit, for our people in attending these popular [revival] meetings; let us rather search the Scriptures with much carefulness and earnest prayer, that we may understand the ground of our faith. Then we shall not be tempted to mingle with those who, while making high claims, are in opposition to the law of God. **GW 227, 228**

#### **Modern Charismatic Tongues Movement is of Satan**

Some of these persons [modern charismatic religious leaders] have exercises which they call gifts, and say that the Lord has placed them in the church. They have an unmeaning gibberish which they call the unknown tongue, which is unknown not only by man, but by the Lord and all heaven. Such gifts are manufactured by men and women, aided only by the great deceiver. Fanaticism, false excitement, false talking in tongues, and noisy exercises, have been considered gifts. They give themselves up to wild excitable feelings and make unintelligible sounds, which they call the gift of tongues, and a certain class seem to be charmed with these strange manifestations. A strange spirit rules with this class, which would bear down and run over anyone who would reprove them. God's spirit is not in the work and does not attend such workmen. They have another spirit. **1T 412, 414**

They are boastful, and pray and talk in a self-righteous manner, exalting themselves, recounting their good deeds. Yet these very ones are crafty, and overreach in business deals. **1T 416**

#### **Worked Up Excitement and Unknown Tongues Result in Depression**

Fanaticism and noise have been considered special evidences of faith. Some are not satisfied with a meeting unless they have a powerful and happy time. They work for this, and get up an excitement and

of feeling. But the influence of such meetings is not beneficial. When the happy flight of feelings is gone, they sink lower than before the meeting because their happiness did not come from the right source. **1T 412.**

Impressions and feelings are no sure evidence that a person is led by the Lord. Satan will, if he is unsuspected, give feelings and impressions. These are not safe guides. **1T 413**

Eve then plucked for herself of the fruit and ate, and imagined she felt the quickening power of a new and elevated existence as the result of the exhilarating influence of the forbidden fruit. She was in a strange and unnatural excitement as she sought her husband with her hands filled with the forbidden fruit. **SR 35**

#### **Will the True Church Receive the Gift of Tongues in the Last Days**

In the future we shall have special tokens of the influence of the Spirit of God – especially at times when our enemies are strongest against us. The time will come when we shall see some strange things; but just in what way, whether similar to some of the experiences of the disciples after they received the Holy Spirit following the ascension of Christ – I cannot say. **3SM 369**

It is with earnest longing that I look forward to the time when events of the day of Pentecost shall be repeated with even greater power than on that occasion. John says “I saw another angel come down from heaven having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.” Then at the Pentecostal season, the people will hear the truth spoken to them, every man in his own tongue. God can breathe new life into every soul that sincerely desires to serve Him, and can touch the lips with a live coal from off the altar, and cause them to become eloquent with His praise. Thousands of voices will be imbued with the power to speak forth the wonderful truths of God’s Word. The stammering tongue will be unloosed, and the timid will be made strong to bear courageous testimony to the truth. **6BC 1055**

God dispenses His gifts as it pleases Him. He sends men to carry His truth to people of a strange tongue, and he has sometimes opened the minds of His missionaries, enabling them quickly to learn the language. The very ones whom they have to come to help spiritually, will be a help to them in learning the language. By this relation the natives are prepared to hear the gospel message when it is given in their own tongue. **SpT Series B No. 11 p 26**

### **Healthful Living Feature –Ministers, Physicians and the Medical Missionary Work**

#### **Gospel in Illustration**

The medical missionary work is the gospel in illustration. **6T 241**

#### **Ministers, Doctors and Nurses Work Together**

The physician and the minister should realize that they are engaged in the same work. They should labor in perfect harmony. **7T 111**

The Lord has ordained that Christian physicians and nurses shall labor in connection with those who preach the word. The medical missionary work is to be bound up with the gospel ministry. **MM 240**

#### **Ministers Twice As Successful if Medical Missionaries**

A gospel minister will be twice as successful in his work if he understands how to treat disease. A minister of the gospel, who is also a medical missionary, who can cure physical ailments, is a much more efficient worker than one who cannot do this. **MM 245**

Let our ministers who have gained an experience in preaching the word, learn how to give simple treatments, and then go forth as medical missionary evangelists. **Ev 525**

The minister will often be called upon to act the part of the physician. He should have a training that will enable him to administer the simpler remedies for the relief of suffering. They should be as well prepared by education and practice to combat disease of the body as they are to heal the sin sick soul by pointing to the Great Physician. **MM 253**

#### Questions

- 1      Why are the most elevating and sanctifying truths of the Bible rejected by many Christians today?  
Answer: Because many depend on their 'experience' as the basis of their faith and argue that God has blessed them in believing and doing as they have done therefore they cannot be in error thus falling for Satan's deception in his counterfeit religious revivals.
- 2      Why are some Sabbath keeping Christians tempted to join in counterfeit Pentecostal type revival meetings?  
Answer: Because of a lack of faith and an incorrect understanding of sanctification through obedience, some Sabbath keepers are charmed by the sentiments and excitement found in these meetings.
- 3      What do some modern charismatic religious leaders consider gifts to the church and how are they manifested?  
Answer: Fanaticism, false excitement, false talking in tongues and noisy exercises have considered gifts to the church and are manifested by wild excitable feelings, unintelligible sounds and unmeaning gibberish which they call the unknown tongue, and which is unknown not only by men but by God and all of heaven.
- 4      What are the characteristics of some of the modern charismatic religious leaders?  
Answer: They are often boastful, and pray and talk in a self-righteous manner, exalting themselves, and recounting their good deeds yet are often found to be crafty and shady in their business dealings.
- 5      What is the result of fanaticism, noise and excitement at counterfeit revival meetings?  
Answer: When the happy flight of feeling and excitement is gone many sink lower into depression than before because their happiness did not come from the right source. Impressions, feelings and excitement are not safe guides and are no evidence that people are led by the Lord.
- 6      In what way was Eve's experience with the fruit symbolic of the experiences generated by counterfeit revivals?  
Answer: After disobeying the plain word of God Eve felt a quickening power of a new and elevated existence and was in a state of strange and unnatural excitement much like the converts from counterfeit revivals who base their faith on feeling and excitement rather than obedience to the Word of God.
- 7      What counsel is offered to ministers of the Gospel?  
Answer: They should be trained to administer simple remedies to relieve suffering and be prepared by education and practice to combat disease so that they will be twice as successful in their work.

### **Take Away Tips**

- Experience, feelings, excitement and speaking in tongues should never replace obedience to the plain truths of God's Word as the basis of our faith.
- Speaking in unknown tongues with great excitement and noisy displays during religious ceremonies is not an evidence of faith but rather the work of a spirit other than the Spirit of God.
- A false, unnatural experience and excitement was the result of the first act of disobedience in the Bible and was the direct cause of the fall of man.
- Ministers of the Gospel today should be trained in all aspects of the medical missionary work in order to be twice as successful as they are now.