

## LATE – 37

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 – Standing or Falling

#### Firm to Principle

If you are seen to be firm to principle, fearless in duty, zealous in seeking to exemplify Christ in your daily work, yet humble, lowly, gentle and tender, patient and forgiving, ready to suffer and forgive injuries, you will be a living epistle known and read of all men. **OHC 186**

#### False Teachers

False teachers may appear to be very zealous for the work of God, and may expend means to bring their theories before the world and the church; but as they mingle error with truth, their message is one of deception, and will lead souls into false paths. They are to be met and opposed, not because they are bad men, but because they are teachers of falsehood, and endeavoring to put upon falsehood the stamp of truth. **TM 55**

My message to you is: no longer consent to listen without protest to the perversion of the truth. Unmask the pretentious sophistries. I have been instructed to warn our people for many are in danger of receiving theories and sophistries that undermine the foundation pillars of the faith. **ISM 196, 197**

#### Don't be an Aaron

How often in our day, is the love of pleasure disguised by a form of godliness? A religion that permits men, while observing the rites of worship, to devote themselves to selfish or sensual gratification, is as pleasing to the multitudes now as in the days of Israel. And there are still pliant Aarons, who, while in positions of authority in the church, will yield to the desires of the unconsecrated and then encourage them in sin. **PP 317**

Of all the sins that God will punish, none are more grievous in His sight than those that encourage others to do evil. Those who are honored with a divine commission are not to be weak, pliant time-servers. They are not to aim at self-exaltation, or to shun disagreeable duties, but to perform God's work with unswerving fidelity. **PP 323**

#### Yielding

The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands, and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be. **ST 81**

Some ministers are adopting the customs of other churches, copying their habits and manner of labor. **ST 5/25/1882**

#### Standing

We must obey the orders that come from above. We are not to hear the counsel or follow the plans suggested by unbelievers. By accepting such suggestions, the counsel of Christ is set at naught. **TM 463**

Christ has given warning, so that none need accept falsehood for truth. The only channel through which the Spirit operates is that of truth. **2SM 49**

Those who stand in defense of the honor of God, and maintain the purity of truth at any cost, will have manifold trials, as did our Savior in the wilderness of temptation. The yielding temperaments, who have not courage to condemn wrong, but keep silent when their influence is needed to stand in the defense of right against any pressure, may avoid heartaches and escape many perplexities, and lose a very rich reward, if not their own souls. **ML 320 (My Life Today)**

Whenever and wherever the Lord works in giving a genuine blessing, a counterfeit is also revealed, in order to make of none effect the true work of God. Therefore, we need to be exceedingly careful, and walk humbly before God, that we may have spiritual eyesalve that we may distinguish the working of the Holy Spirit from the working of that spirit that would bring in wild license and fanaticism. The Holy Spirit of God will inspire men with love and purity; and refinement will be manifest in their characters. **ISM 142.**

### **Understanding**

A revival and reformation must take place under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of the mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit. Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend. **ISM 128**

### **Healthful Living Feature – Indulgence vs Obedience**

Our Savior warned His disciples that just prior to His second coming a state of things would exist very similar to that which preceded the flood. Eating and drinking would be carried to excess, and the world would be given up to pleasure. This state of things does exist at the present time. The world is largely given up to the indulgence of appetite; and the disposition to follow worldly customs will bring us into bondage to perverted habits – habits that will make us more and more like the doomed inhabitants of Sodom. **CTBH 53**

To keep the body in a healthy condition in order that all parts of the living machinery may act harmoniously, should be the study of our life. The children of God cannot glorify Him with sickly bodies or dwarfed minds. Those who indulge in any species of intemperance, either in eating or drinking, waste their physical energies and weaken moral power. **CTBH 53**

Since the laws of nature are the laws of God, it is plainly our duty to give these laws careful study. We should study their requirements in regard to our own bodies, and conform to them. Ignorance in these things is a sin. **6T 369**

When men and women are truly converted, they will conscientiously regard the laws of life that God has established in their being, thus seeking to avoid physical, mental and moral feebleness. Obedience to these laws must be made a matter of personal duty. We ourselves must suffer the ills of violated law. We must answer to God for our habits and practices. Therefore, the question for us is not, “What will the world say?” but “How shall I, claiming to be a Christian, treat the habitation God has given me.?” Shall I work for my highest temporal and spiritual good by keeping my body as a temple for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, or shall I sacrifice myself to the world’s ideas and practices. **6T 370**

## Questions

- 1      What qualities must be developed to make the Christian's life an effective sermon, a living epistle known to all men?  
Answer: By faith, the Christian must be firm in principle, fearless in duty, zealous in seeking to exemplify Christ, yet humble, lowly, gentle, tender, patient, forgiving, ready to suffer and forgive injury.
- 2      How is the Christian to deal with false teachers who mingle truth and error?  
Answer: The believer is not to listen without protest to false teachers who artfully mingle truth with error. They must be met, opposed and unmasked, not because they are bad men, but because they are teachers of falsehood, who by theories and sophistry seek to stamp falsehood as truth, undermining the fundamental pillars of our faith, and leading many, by their influence, to sin.
- 3      How do false teachers appear in the sight of the Lord?  
Answer: In the sight of God, false teachers encourage others to sin and of all the sins that God will punish, none are more grievous in His sight than those who encourage others to do evil. Those who are honored with a divine commission are not to be weak pliant time-servers. They are not to aim at self-exaltation, or to shun disagreeable duties, but to perform God's work with unswerving fidelity.
- 4      What will cause many Christians to yield to the mark of the beast?  
Answer: Those Christians who have conformed step by step to worldly demands and practices will find it easy to yield at that time to the mark of the beast.
- 5      What happens to Christians who keep silent when their influence is needed to stand for truth?  
Answer: They may avoid many heartaches and escape many perplexities and trials but they will lose a very rich reward if not their own souls.
- 6      What Should be the study of my life and why?  
Answer: The study of my life should be how to keep my body in a healthy condition through obedience to the natural laws of health prescribed by God, so that I do not fall victim to intemperance and therefore fail to glorify Him.
- 7      What will truly converted men and women do regarding their health?  
Answer: They will conscientiously regard the laws of life given by God to avoid physical, mental and moral feebleness as well as sickness, suffering and disease.

### Take Away Tips

- False theories and intellectual philosophy in the church should be vigorously met, oppose and unmasked in order to maintain the fundamental pillars of our faith.
- There are too many pliant Aarons in the church today; leaders, who, while observing the rites of worship, yield to the desires of the unconsecrated then encourage them in sin, as Aaron did at the foot of Mt. Sinai.
- If we conform to worldly customs and practices in the church, then we will also yield to the mark of the beast when it is urged upon all citizens.

- We must conscientiously regard and obey the natural laws of health so that in our bodies we can give glory to God while preventing feebleness of mind and body, disease and premature death.