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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 – The Shaking: From Glory to Shame?

And this word, yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Hebrews 12:27

Great Proportion of Members Shaken Out

Soon God's people will be tested by fiery trials, and the great proportion of those who now appear to be genuine and true will prove to be base metal. Instead of being strengthened and confirmed by opposition, threats and abuse, they will cowardly take the side of the opposers. **5T 136**

It is a solemn statement that I make to the church, that not one in twenty whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without hope in the world as the common sinner. **ChS 41 (Christian Service)**

Note: this is not meant to be a condemnation but a warning and an encouragement to recognize our state of unpreparedness and therefore become ready.

Even in our day there have been and will continue to be entire families who have once rejoiced in the truth, but who will lose faith because of calumnies (the making of false and defamatory statements in order to damage one's reputation) and falsehoods brought to them in regard to those whom they have loved and with whom they have had sweet counsel. **1MR 102; RH 8/1/1899**

Leaders and Pastors Shaken

Ministers who have preached the truth with zeal and earnestness may apostatize and join the ranks of our enemies, but does this turn the truth of God into a lie? The faith and feelings of men may change, but the truth of God, never. Evil men will give themselves over to believe delusions, that they may be damned. These men will put on the garments of sincerity, and deceive, if possible, the very elect. **4T 595.**

Frequent will be the apostasies of men who have occupied responsible positions. Questions, speculations, and matters of no vital importance will occupy the mind and then there will be caviling and striving about words, and presenting the different opinions concerning points that are not vital or essential. **RH 9/11/1888**

In this [shaking] time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church. True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then go out in darkness. Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat. **5T 81**

No superiority of rank, dignity or worldly wisdom, no position in sacred office, will preserve men from sacrificing principle, when left to their own deceitful hearts. Those who have been regarded as worthy and righteous, prove to be ringleaders in apostasy. It is with great reluctance that the Lord withdraws His

presence from those who have been blessed with great light, and who have felt the power of the Word in ministering to others. They were once His faithful servants, but they departed from Him and led other into error. **5T 212**

We shall in the future, as we have in the past, witness the apostasy of men in whom we have had confidence, in whom we have trusted, who, we supposed were as true as steel to principle. Something comes to test them, and they are overthrown. If such men fall, some say, "who can we trust?" This is the temptation Satan brings to destroy the confidence of those who are striving to walk in the narrow way. **1MR 102, RH 8/1/1899**

Healthful Living Feature – Why Health Reform?

God has permitted the light of health reform to shine upon us in these last days, that by walking in the light we may escape many of the dangers to which we shall be exposed. Satan is working with great power to lead men to indulge appetite, gratify inclination, and spend their days in heedless folly. He presents attractions in a life of selfish enjoyment and of sensual indulgence. Intemperance saps the energies of both mind and body. He who is thus overcome has placed himself upon Satan's ground, where he will be tempted and annoyed and finally controlled at pleasure by the enemy of all righteousness. **CTBH 75 (Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene 1900)**

The Lord has let His light shine upon us in these last days, that the gloom and darkness which have been gathering in past generations because of selfish indulgence, might in some degree be dispelled, and that the train of evils which have resulted because of intemperate eating and drinking might be lessened. **2T 399**

The Lord in wisdom designed to bring His people into a position where they would be separate from the world in spirit and practice, that their children might not so readily be led into idolatry, and become tainted with the prevailing corruptions of the world. It is impossible for those who indulge the appetite to attain Christian perfection. **2T 400**

Let it ever be kept before the mind that the great object of hygienic reform is to secure the highest possible development of mind and soul and body. All the laws of nature – which are the laws of God – are designed for our good. Obedience to them will promote our happiness in this life, and will aid us in a preparation for the life to come. **CTBH 120**

In order to preserve health, temperance in all things is necessary – temperance in labor, temperance in eating and drinking. Our heavenly Father sent the light of health reform to guard against the evils resulting from a debased appetite, that those who love purity and holiness may know how to use with discretion the good things He has provided for them and that by exercising temperance in daily life they may be sanctified through truth. **CTBH 52**

Questions

- 1 What will happen to a great proportion of God's people when fiery trials come upon them?
Answer: When fiery trials come upon God's people, many who were thought to be genuine and true will prove to be base metal. Instead of being strengthened and confirmed by opposition and persecution, they will cowardly take the side of the opposition.
- 2 What can we expect from many church leaders in these last days and why?
Answer: We can expect many in responsible leadership positions and many brilliant lights in

- the church to fall into apostasy because no superiority in rank, dignity or position in sacred office can preserve men from sacrificing principle when left to their own deceitful hearts.
- 3 What are we to understand when leaders and pastors apostatize and join the ranks of the enemy?
 Answer: We re to understand that despite the apostasy of leaders and pastors, God’s truth remains unchanged and we must not follow those leaders into apostasy but remain faithful to God.
- 4 How does the Lord deal with those leaders who have been blessed with great light but have apostatized when tested?
 Answer: The Lord, with great reluctance, withdraws His presence from such leaders who were once His faithful servants but now have departed from Him.
- 5 What are some of the reasons God has permitted the light of health reform to fall upon His people in these last days?
 Answer: God has permitted the light of health reform to shine upon His people that we may escape the dangers of self-indulgence and intemperance; that the train of evil that results from intemperance may be lessened; and that His people might be separate from the world in spirit and practice.
- 6 How does Satan work to impede the progress of health reform?
 Answer: Satan attempts to impede health reform by presenting the seductive attractiveness in a life of selfish enjoyment and sensual indulgence so that he can exert control over God’s people.
- 7 What is the great objective of health reform?
 Answer: The great objective of health reform is to secure the highest possible development of mind, body and soul to aid us in preparation for the life to come.

Take Away Tips

- The majority of God’s people when tested by opposition and persecution will be shaken out and join the opposition. Only one in twenty are prepared for the soon coming of our Lord. How do you and I stack up with those statistics?
- It is unfortunate but true that many of our brightest leaders who have been blessed with great light will fall from glory to shame in the sight of God.
- Health reform is provided by God that we might escape the dangers of intemperance, indulgence of poor diet and become separate from the world in spirit and practice.
- The great objective of health reform is to develop the mind. Body and soul to its highest potential in order to promote happiness in this life and preparedness for the life to come.