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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 – Religious Liberty & Us

Religious Liberty to End in the US

In our land of boasted freedom, religious liberty will come to an end. The contest will be decided over Sabbath. **Ev 236**

Heretofore those who presented the truths of the third angel's message have often been regarded as mere alarmists. Their predictions that religious intolerance would gain control in the United States, that church and state would unite to persecute those who keep the commandments of God, have been pronounced groundless and absurd. It has been confidently declared that this land could never become other than what it has been – the defender of religious freedom. But as the question of enforcing Sunday observance is widely agitated, the event so long doubted and disbelieved is seen to be approaching, and the third angel's message will produce an effect which it could have had before. **GC 605, 606**

The authorities will make laws to restrict religious liberty. They will assume the right that is God's alone. They will think they can force the conscience which God alone should control. Even now they are making a beginning; this work will continue forward until they reach a boundary over which they cannot step. God will interpose in behalf of His loyal commandment-keeping people. **DA 630**

US Abandons Protestant Principles

When the nation for which God has worked in such a marvelous manner, and over which He has spread the shield of Omnipotence, abandons Protestant principles, and through its legislature gives countenance and support to Romanism in limiting religious liberty, then God will work in His own power for His people that are true. The tyranny of Rome will be exercised, but Christ is our refuge. **TM 206.**

By the decree enforcing the institution of the Papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation, will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its constitution as a Protestant and Republican government, then we know that the time is near. **5T 451**

God's People Not to be Silent

Prophecy represents Protestantism as having lamb-like horns, but speaking like a dragon. Already we are beginning to hear the voice of the dragon. There is a satanic force propelling the Sunday movement, but it is concealed. Let not the commandment-keeping people of God be silent at this time, as though we gracefully accepted the situation. There is the prospect before us of waging a continuous war, at the risk of imprisonment, of losing property and even life itself, to defend the law of God. **7BC 975**

The banner of truth and religious liberty held aloft by the founders of the gospel church and by God's witnesses during the centuries that have passed since then, has, in this last conflict, been committed to our hands. **AA 68, 69**

Our people have been regarded as too insignificant to be worthy of notice; but a change will come. The Christian world is now making movements which will necessarily bring commandment-keeping people into prominence. **5T 546**

The Duty of God's Remnant People

We may have to plead more earnestly before legislative councils for the right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience. Thus, in His providence God has designed that the claims of His law shall be brought before men in positions of highest authority. But as we stand before these men, we are to show no bitterness of feeling. **2SM 375**

The followers of Christ, as they approach the time of trouble, make every exertion to place themselves in a proper light before the people, to disarm prejudice and to avert the danger which threatens liberty of conscience. **GC 616**

We are not ready for the issue to which the enforcement of the Sunday law will bring us. It is our duty, as we see the signs of the approaching peril, to arouse to action. Let none sit in calm expectation of the evil, comforting themselves with the belief that this work must go on because prophecy foretold it, and that the Lord will shelter His people. We are to preserve liberty of conscience. Fervent effectual prayer should be ascending to heaven that this calamity may be deferred until we can accomplish the work which has so long been neglected. Let there be most earnest prayer; and then let us work in harmony with our prayers. **5T 713, 714**

While the Protestant world is by her attitude making concessions to Rome, let us arouse to comprehend the situation. Let the watchmen now lift up their voice and give the message which is present truth for this time. Let us show the people where we are in prophetic history, and seek to arouse the spirit of true Protestantism, awaking the world to a sense of value of the privileges of religious liberty so long enjoyed. **5T 716**

Healthful Living Feature –Health Reform – Where are We?

Seventh Day Adventists are handling momentous truths. More than forty years ago the Lord gave us special light on health reform, but how are we walking in that light? How many have refused to live in harmony with the counsels of God! **9T 158 (1909)**

As a people, we should make advancement proportionate to the light received. It is our duty to understand and respect the principles of health reform. On the subject of temperance, we should be in advance of all other people; and yet there are among us well-instructed members of the church, and even ministers of the gospel, who have little respect for the light God has given on this subject. They eat as they please and work as they please. **9T 158 (1909)**

Shall those who are "looking for that blessed hope, and glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ", be behind the religionists of the day who have no faith in the soon appearing of our Savior? The peculiar people whom He is purifying unto Himself, to be translated to heaven without seeing death, should not be behind others in good works. **1T 487 (1867)**

Let those who are teachers and leaders in our cause take their stand firmly on Bible ground in regard to health reform and give a straight testimony to those who believe we are living in the last days of this

earth's history. A line of distinction must be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve themselves. **9T 158 (1909)**

Questions

- 1 How is the Sabbath related to religious liberty?
Answer: The Sabbath is related to religious liberty because it is the contest between the Sabbath and Sunday sacredness that will bring an end to religious liberty in the United States.
- 2 What will cause the work to establish Sunday worship as law to come to an end?
Answer: The work to establish Sunday worship as law will go forward until they reach a divine boundary over which they cannot step. God will interpose in behalf of His commandment-keeping people.
- 3 When can God's people be sure that the end is near?
Answer: When Protestantism shall stretch forth her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism and when the US will repudiate the principles of its constitution, then we know that the time is near.
- 4 What is expected of God's people at this time and why?
Answer: God's people are not to be silent at this time, even at the risk of imprisonment and death since the banner of truth and religious liberty has been committed to us and events in the religious world will bring commandment-keeping people into prominence.
- 5 How are God's people to be aroused to action when religious liberty of conscience is threatened?
Answer: God's people are to present themselves in a proper light before the people to disarm prejudice and avert the danger threatening liberty of conscience. They are to pray fervently and work in harmony with their prayers to defer the calamity until the work, so long neglected, can be accomplished; then they are to lift their voices and give the message of present truth showing where we are in prophetic time and arousing the true spirit of Protestantism.
- 6 Where should God's be now in regard to health reform?
Answer: God's people should advance in health reform proportionate to the light received; they should not be behind the religionists of the day who have no faith in the soon coming of Jesus.
- 7 What are we called to do in these last days regarding health reform?
Answer: We are to give a straight testimony regarding health reform standing firmly on biblical grounds drawing a line of distinction between those who serve God and those who serve themselves.

Take Away Tips

- We know the end is near when Protestantism reached across the gulf to clasp hands with Romanism and spiritualism and when the United States repudiates the principles of its constitution in regard to religious liberty – all of which has already happened. It is truly even at the doors

- God's people are not to be silent as the lamb begins to speak as a dragon, even at the risk of imprisonment and death because God will interpose in behalf of His people fulfilling Psalm 119:126 *It is time for thee to work Lord, for they have made void your law.*
- This is the time for fervent prayer and action in harmony with our prayers to lift up our voices proclaiming the third angel's message which is present truth for this time.
- Regarding health reform, God's people are to be the head and not the tail. We are to advance in proportion to the light we have received and not fall behind other religions and the world, in conducting this work.