

1895 - The Latter Rain Revisited

It was again, following the 1888 message, that seven years later, a message would come in the exact time of the Feast of Tabernacles. God purposed to bring the light of heaven as in 1888 to His people in it's appointed season, if they would receive it. The campmeeting where the appointed outpouring would come from was in Armadale, Australia, during October 17 through November 11, 1895. High remarks were given to this period of time, and whatever we can gather from the speaker Ellen White endorsed as having the divine credentials, we will share here. W.W. Prescott took hold of the message of 1888 in truth and began to teach it to others. Here are some notable points regarding the messages there delivered that should catch our attention:



1. Ellen White was present in person to hear them preached.
2. She described them in what could be called "Acts 2 Pentecostal" terms.
3. Her secretary took them down in shorthand. Here are samples of her descriptions:
 - Instruction precious as gold
 - A feast of precious things
 - The truth in new lines
 - The truth in clear and simple style, yet rich in nourishment
 - The burning words of truth as heard in 1844
 - A glorious and convincing light
 - Hardly a discourse that could be called a doctrinal sermon
 - In every sermon Christ preached
 - Exalting Jesus higher and yet higher

- Nothing but the plain gospel

These are the themes she listed as presented regarding Jesus:

- His preexistence
- His personal dignity
- His work as Creator
- His relation to the Sabbath
- His relation to man as the source of life
- His holy law uplifted
- His Presence and work in the hearts of men
- His coming the second time in glory and power

The reaction of unbelievers she described in these words:

- Were deeply interested
- Turn pale and say, "That man is inspired"
- Listen as if spellbound
- Sit with their eyes riveted in amazement
- Say, "All the words are precious"
- Say, "I have never attended meetings where Christ was more manifestly taught and exalted"
- Beg a copy of the discourses

In light of the above, we see that the messages were powerful and highly important: God was pouring out His Spirit in a large measure in the meetings. If such high honors were placed by inspiration upon these meetings, it gives the invitation to understand exactly what was contained in these messages. So here the messages are for everyone to benefit from. May we read and conclude with Ellen White: "How can Seventh-day Adventists preach any other doctrine?"

Yet only eight of the messages have been released, while the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists have not released the remaining messages. Particularly the "The Law in Christ" was not received by the Review and Herald, and the General Conference in Battle Creek. They claimed it contained "error" regarding the law, similar to the problems cited by the conference during the messages given by Jones and Waggoner.

However, when read, it will be realized that the text, if taken to its logical implication, would take away the interpretation of the only text they could use to say the feasts and new moons were no longer to be kept. To her son Edson, a letter from Ellen White just before the meetings commenced says as follows:

“Those who, since the Minneapolis meeting, have had the privilege of listening to the words spoken by the messengers of God, Elder A.T. Jones, Prof. Prescott, Brn. E. J. Waggoner, O. A. Olsen, and many others, at the campmeetings and ministerial institutes, have had the invitation, Come, for all things are now ready. Come to the supper prepared for you.” Light, heaven’s light, has been shining. The trumpet has given a certain sound. Those who have made their various excuses for neglecting to respond to the call, have lost much...The call is sounding, Come, for all things are now ready. Those who will be worked by the Holy Spirit bear the living testimony, and have not only a theory of the truth, but are God’s witnesses. These will not continually follow the meetings, that they themselves may be benefited, by hearing more and still more, But in humble trust and living faith they will search the Scriptures, for Christ says, They testify of me. They will walk in the light they receive, and will communicate to others the precious truth. As they endeavor to impart that which they have received, more light will certainly shine upon them. In holding forth the word of life to others, they co-operate with the heavenly agencies, who are sent to impart the power of the truth...Let them have that faith which works, how? By love for other souls, seeking to bring them to the marriage supper. As they try to draw others, they will become fitted for the work, and for the trial; they will purify their souls by obeying the truth. “

She further said that Prescott was giving the same messages as E.J. Waggoner from 1888 on March 10, 1890, “I am much pleased to learn that Professor Prescott is giving the same lessons in

his class to the students that Brother Waggoner has been giving. He is presenting the covenants.” (Letter 30, 1890, in 1888 Materials, p. 623)

Ellen White’s call during the feast in the Bible Echo at the same time as the feast, and giving the invitation to the wedding feast [can be read here.](#)

To See More of what Ellen White had to say on these meetings, [click here.](#)

THE MESSAGES

[“Abiding in Christ and Walking in Christ”](#)– October 20, 1895

[“Sermons in Stone”](#)– October 23, 1895

[“The Kingdom of God; or The Great Controversy Between Good and Evil”](#)- October 23, 1895

[“The Word Became Flesh”](#)– October 31, 1895

[“The Faith of Jesus, The Commandments of God, and The Patience of the Saints”](#)– November 2, 1895

[“God or Caesar, Which?”](#)– November 5, 1895

[“Christ Our Example”](#)– November 9, 1895

[“The Law in Christ; Or, the Relation Between the Law and the Gospel”](#)– 1895 undated Talk