

Great Controversy Series
Wake Up to True Sanctification
Chapter 27 - Modern Revivals
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Spiritual lesson: The ALARM is sounding! Whose going to wake up and get up? This is NOT the time to snooze. If you wake up to the ALARM but don't get out of bed you WILL go back to sleep!

“In accidents and calamities by land and by sea, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hail-storms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes,—in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. The visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. Destruction will be upon both man and beast. ‘The earth mourneth and fadeth away, . . . the haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.’” Review and Herald March 14, 1912 *Nearness of the End*, EG White

[show slides] – Fires out west, Four major Hurricanes within two weeks – Harvey, Irma (now), Jose, and Kitia. This is the first time on record that the Atlantic has had two hurricanes with 150-plus mph winds at the same time. 8.1 earthquake in Mexico. Great flooding in Africa. North Korea is still a great threat to the US. Plus more. What is God saying to the world? WAKE UP! Repent and turn to Jesus before it is too late.

“How carefully should we avoid mirth and unbecoming levity on the cars, on the boat, wherever we may be; for the daily record of disasters shows that there is no safety anywhere. Even in our homes we are in danger; for storms, floods, and fire are sweeping off thousands, while earthquakes are destroying additional thousands. If there ever was a time when we should be sober and watch unto prayer, it is now. Our lives are safe only when hid with Christ in God. We need every day to purify ourselves even as he is pure. There is always hope for us in God.” Review and Herald, January 29, 1884, EG White

Why is the earth and inhabitants of the earth experiencing so much tragedy? Hint: It is not climate change.

Isaiah 24:4-5

4 The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.

5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

We are in the “birthing” pains now that will out get worst leading to the seven last plagues of Revelation chapter. The seven last plagues is “a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time. (Daniel 12:1).

“Calamities will come—calamities most awful, most unexpected; and these destructions will follow one after another. If there will be a heeding of the warnings that God has given, and if churches will repent, returning to their allegiance, then other cities may be spared for a time. But if men who have been deceived continue in the same way in which they have been walking, disregarding the law of God, and presenting falsehoods before the people, God allows them to suffer calamity, that their senses may be awakened.” Country Living p 7 (EG White)

High-time to AWAKE out of sleep!

Romans 13:11-12

11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

High time (Greek) hōra [ho'-rah] Apparently a primary word; an “hour” (literally or figuratively): - **day, hour, instant, season, X short**, [even-] tide, (high) time.

In this urgent hour of fast fulfilling prophecy this is the TIME that you MUST CUT of ALL the works of darkness and worldliness and put the full armour of light! NOW is the TIME! So it will be too late....

Ephesians 5:14-16

14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

“With such solemn truths as we are handling, with the signs fulfilling everywhere in our world to show that the end is near, the great crisis right upon us, the stupor, the lethargy, the pride and conformity to the world in dress and in spirit, is most astonishing. Famines, pestilences, earthquakes, storms by land and sea, are putting out the life of thousands, and this is only the beginning of that which is to come. How important that every church becomes a working force...” Manuscript Releases Vol 18 p. 157

We are NOW living in the MOST urgent hour in the history of this planet. The frequency and intensity of the earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, and floods are the end time signs and alarms to wake people up to a true revival and reformation.

Specifically, what are we to awake to?**1 Corinthians 15:34**

34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

True vs False Revival

A true revival leads to a deep conviction of sin, the need for the righteousness of Jesus Christ and the hour of judgment.

2 Corinthians 7:9-11

9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

“This is the result of the work of the Spirit of God. There is no evidence of genuine repentance unless it works reformation.” GC 462

A false revival does not prick the conscience of repentance and turning from sin, but an emotional response that assures sinners that they can live comfortably in worldliness as professors in Jesus Christ.

For every true revival there is a true reformation and transformation to turn from sin and stay attached through the Jesus Christ daily. Their fruit reflects their prove of true repentance. They are NEW creatures in Jesus Christ. They do not do the things that refilled their sinful lustful flesh in the past. In everything they do they glorify GOD!

Do you mean that I have to glorify God in ALL that I do? 24 hrs a day/7days a week? Even what I allow my eyes to see - tv, movies? My talk? My time? My talents? My music? My dress? What I eat? What I drink? My money? My job? People I hang with? What I put on my face, hands, or feet? My fb? My everything? ALL. 1 Corin 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do ALL to the glory of God. ALL means ALL. This is what true revival and reformation looks like.

“Popular revivals are too often carried by appeals to the imagination, by exciting the emotions, by gratifying the love for what is new and startling. Converts thus gained have little desire to listen to Bible truth, little interest in the testimony of prophets and apostles. Unless a religious service has something of a sensational character, it has no attractions for them. A message which appeals to unimpassioned reason awakens no response. The plain warnings of God's word, relating directly to their eternal interests, are unheeded.” GC 463

What is the condition of the great majority of the modern churches today? False revivals... no reform

2 Timothy 3:1-5

- 1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
- 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
- 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

“The converts do not renounce their pride and love of the world. They are no more willing to deny self, to take up the cross, and follow the meek and lowly Jesus, than before their conversion. Religion has become the sport of infidels and skeptics because so many who bear its name are ignorant of its principles. The power of godliness has well-nigh departed from many of the churches. Picnics, church theatricals, church fairs, fine houses, personal display, have banished thoughts of God. Lands and goods and worldly occupations engross the mind, and things of eternal interest receive hardly a passing notice. {GC 463}

What is God calling His honest and sincere people who are a part of these churches of Babylon, having a form of godliness?

Rev 18:1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

Rev 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

This is the call NOW! Come out, come out, come out! Even apostate corp SDA church, now is the time to GET OUT (gay movement, united with the papacy, worldliness, etc...) with NO signs of turn around.

“I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive

the truth. Satan knows this; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant.” {EW 261.1}

How will Satan try to hinder the work of a true revival and reformation?

“Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God's special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world.” {GC 464.1}

Satan’s counterfeit modern revivals are lead by the image of the beast, apostate churches, who have rejected the commandments of God and His testimonies. (show pics) They fill arenas by the thousands. Many of their preachers have superstar status. They are followed by hundreds of millions around the world. They are now key advisers to the president of the US as prophesied. Many including the SDA corp church have united with the beast, papal Rome.

As more disasters happen they will make an urgent call for a revival back to God that will lead to the mark of the beast crisis. This will not be a true revival and reformation, but a false revival.

Is this the God of the Bible as revealed in the word of God. How can they call people back to God when they reject the law of God and the true Sabbath of the Bible. They have embraced the false Sunday “sabbath” of the papacy and are posed to create Sunday laws to move people back to God. We are living in that time now.

“Satan puts his interpretation upon events, and they [leading men] think, as he would have them, that the calamities which fill the land are a result of Sunday-breaking. Thinking to appease the wrath of God, these influential men make laws enforcing Sunday observance. They think that by exalting this false rest-day higher, and still higher, compelling obedience to the Sunday law, the spurious sabbath, they are doing God service. Those who honor God by observing the true Sabbath are looked upon as disloyal to God, when it is really those who thus regard them who are themselves disloyal, because they are trampling under foot the Sabbath originated in Eden.” -Maranatha page 176

The more calamities the greater the call to the false Sunday sabbath.....

Why are so many people deceived by this false modern revival?

They fail to study and investigate the Word of God for themselves. The “light” is out

2 Timothy 2:15

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

“In the truths of His word, God has given to men a revelation of Himself; and to all who accept them they are a shield against the deceptions of Satan. It is a neglect of these truths that has opened the door to the evils which are now becoming so widespread in the religious world. The nature and the importance of the law of God have been, to a great extent, lost sight of. A wrong conception of the character, the perpetuity, and the obligation of the divine law has led to errors in relation to conversion and sanctification, and has resulted in lowering the standard of piety in the church. Here is to be found the secret of the lack of the Spirit and power of God in the revivals of our time.” GC 465

“There is an emotional excitement, a mingling of the true with the false, that is well adapted to mislead. Yet none need be deceived. In the light of God's word it is not difficult to determine the nature of these movements. Wherever men neglect the testimony of the Bible, turning away from those plain, soul-testing truths which require self-denial and renunciation of the world, there we may be sure that God's blessing is not bestowed. GC 464

Many evangelicals in modern churches reject obeying all ten commandments of God because they reject the seventh day Sabbath and embrace the papacy's Sunday.

What does Revelation reveal about those who will be in the eternal kingdom of God?

Revelation 14:12

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Revelation 22:14

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Remember the law of God reflects the character of God..

God is love. His law all about love. God is perfect. His law is perfect. God is Holy. His law is holy. God is truth. His law is truth.

Did Jesus come to get rid of a perfect law that reflects the character of God?

Matthew 5:17-18

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Isaiah 42:21

21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable.

What us separates from God?

Isaiah 59:1-2

1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2 But **your iniquities have separated between you and your God**, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

"The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Romans 8:7. But "God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son," that man might be reconciled to God.

Through the merits of Christ he can be restored to harmony with his Maker. His heart must be renewed by divine grace; he must have a new life from above. This change is the new birth, without which, says Jesus, "he cannot see the kingdom of God." {GC 467.2}

Remember the law of God reveals your sinful condition, but cannot save you from sin. Jesus is the solution that cleanses you from sin and restore you back in the image of God!

When you accept salvation through grace of Jesus, do you now have a license to sin?

Romans 6:12-15

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

Remember grace does not cover or excuse sin. If you sin even though you profess Christ you are no longer under grace, but under the condemnation of the law!

The Bible does not teach once saved always saved. When you sin, you need to repent and turn back to Jesus.

Ezekiel 33:12-13

12 Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.

13 When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

What happens when a person rejects the law of God but professes "Christ"?

There is not true conversion.

“‘The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.’ Psalm 19:7. Without the law, men have no just conception of the purity and holiness of God or of their own guilt and uncleanness. They have no true conviction of sin and feel no need of repentance. Not seeing their lost condition as violators of God's law, they do not realize their need of the atoning blood of Christ. The hope of salvation is accepted without a radical change of heart or reformation of life. Thus superficial conversions abound, and multitudes are joined to the church who have never been united to Christ.” GC – 468

True conversion leads to true sanctification by faith. How?

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Romans 15:16

16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

John 16:13

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth..."

Can one except the gift of grace for you?

Of course not. God has made the provision, but you must make the decision.

Philippians 2:12-13

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

True Sanctification is progressive

"The Scriptures plainly show that the work of sanctification is progressive. When in conversion the sinner finds peace with God through the blood of the atonement, the Christian life has but just begun. Now he is to "go on unto perfection;" to grow up "unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Says the apostle Paul: "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13, 14. And Peter sets before us the steps by which Bible sanctification is to be attained: "Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. . . . If ye do these things, ye shall never fall." 2 Peter 1:5-10. {GC 470.1}

False Sanctification that is very popular today exalts self and rejects God's law!

"The sanctification now gaining prominence in the religious world carries with it a spirit of self-exaltation and a disregard for the law of God that mark it as foreign to the religion of the Bible. Its advocates teach that sanctification is an instantaneous work, by which, through faith alone, they attain to perfect holiness. "Only believe," say they, "and the blessing is yours." No further effort on the part of the receiver is supposed to be required. At the same time they deny the authority of the law of God, urging that they are released from obligation to keep the commandments. But is it possible for men to be holy, in accord with the will and character of God, without coming into harmony with the principles which are an expression of His nature and will, and which show what is well pleasing to Him?" GC 471

1 John 3:6

6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

1 John 2:4-5

4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him

DO NOT FEED the FLESH (need a sign)**1 Peter 2:11**

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

2 Corinthians 7:1

1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

“Professed Christians yearly expend an immense sum upon useless and pernicious indulgences, while souls are perishing for the word of life. God is robbed in tithes and offerings, while they consume upon the altar of destroying lust more than they give to relieve the poor or for the support of the gospel. If all who profess to be followers of Christ were truly sanctified, their means, instead of being spent for needless and even hurtful indulgences, would be turned into the Lord's treasury, and Christians would set an example of temperance, self-denial, and self-sacrifice. Then they would be the light of the world.” GC 475

1 John 5:1-4

- 1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.
- 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.
- 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.
- 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

“It is by beholding that we become changed. And as those sacred precepts in which God has opened to men the perfection and holiness of His character are neglected, and the minds of the people are attracted to human teachings and theories, what marvel that there has followed a decline of living piety in the church. Saith the Lord: "They have forsaken Me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." Jeremiah 2:13.” GC 478

Are you drinking from living waters or broken cisterns? The true Jesus of the Bible is the true living waters in which you will never thirst again. The broken cisterns is basing your salvation on the theories and popular teachings of men. Who do you believe God's Word or sinful human beings?

In last day God is calling ALL people back to true godliness, forsaking sin and the world and holding on to Jesus!

Jeremiah 6:16

16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

In these last days we must be like the sons of Zadok! They are examples of those walked the olds paths of primitive godliness in the midst of deep apostasy!

Who are the sons of Zadok?

Ezekiel 48:11 (instructions of reestablishment of the temple service when Israel returns from Babylonian captivity)

11 It shall be for the priests that are sanctified of the sons of Zadok; which have kept my charge, which went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray.

The father Zadok was a faithful priest to King David. He was the one who anointed Solomon king of Israel. Zadok stay true to his calling and past on that legacy to his children. Even when Israel went it apostasy including many of the priest, the sons of Zadok stayed faithful.

In the last days we must stay faithful to truth like the sons of Zadok that drink daily from the foundation of life and eat daily from the bread of life.

Appeal... (shortness of time – only those who are chosen are those who have made a decision to surrender their ALL to Jesus Christ – remember, Jesus has made the provision, but you must make the decision)