One True Church Series Lesson 14 – Beware Of This "New Organization" Sermon Bible Notes by Pastor O. Cary Rodgers, Jr.

Going back to the context of Matthew 24

What did Jesus tell the disciples what would happen to the compromised apostate system of Israel? It would be destroyed. Why? Because the Jewish leadership and membership compromised and Jesus left!

When Jesus says in Matthew 24:4 – 5 ⁴ Take heed that no man deceive you. Take heed that no man deceive you. ⁵ For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." Who is He referring to? He is referring a compromised, corrupt and apostate church who was given the full light of God's truth like Israel of old.

In Matthew 24:37 Jesus compared the days before the coming of the Lord to the days of Noah. We already know that in the days of Noah the people of God married the people of Cain, worldliness. They compromised God's truth and the world was full of sinfulness, violence, and rebellion against the God of Heaven. There was only a **remnant** who remained faithful to the truth during the days of Noah. The same will be true just before the coming of the Jesus. You have to choose.

Who did God find that was faithful to Him in the midst of a rebellious people before the world was destroyed by the flood?

Genesis 6:5 - 9

- 5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- 6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.
- 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.
- 8 But [except for the fact] Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.
- 9 These are the generations of Noah: **Noah was a just man and perfect** in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

Noah found grace in God because he repented, confessed his sins, and turned from sin. Instead of a life of rebellion. Noah truly loved God. He walked with God in light of reflecting the character of God. Noah truly loved the Lord not in words only, but by actions of faith and obedience to God.

God shows mercy to them that love Him and keep his commandments. (Exodus 20:6)

Noah (H5146) = $n\hat{o}$ ach [no'-akh]

The same as <u>H5118</u>; *rest*; *Noach*, the patriarch of the flood.

Noach is the same as H5118 nûach or nôach which means quiet, rest, or resting place.

God used Noah to build the ark as a "resting place" for those who got aboard before the earth was destroyed by the flood.

Jesus is our "ark" of safety "resting place" from the world's final destruction.

2 Chronicles 6:41

41 Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place [H5118 nûach], thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.

Matthew 11:28-30

- 28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto vour souls.
- 30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

Noah whose name means "rest" is a depiction of the remnant people who will find rest in following God's truth in the last days in the midst of great compromise and apostasy. The remnant people like Noah in his day must be just, perfect, and walk with God.

The following is a Compromising Church who...

Romans 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator.

Romans 1:32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Historically they taught and lived by the Three Angels' Message Of Revelation 14. They taught about... the soon urgent coming of Jesus Christ; the investigative judgment; health reform, dress reform and character transformation in Christ; God's natural remedies without the use of poisonous drugs; the Seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord; keeping ALL the commandments of God; against fornication, adultery, and homosexuality; the sanctuary message; true education and the medical missionary work.

God inspired the name of the Seventh-day Adventist movement in which many came from various denominations to follow Bible truth. The name of the church movement was a testimony to the world that God's law and Seventh-day Sabbath is still binding (Seventh-day) and that Jesus Christ is coming again (Adventist).

In 1863, the General Conference of the SDA was originally organized to be a beacon of Bible truth to the world. They were not originally organized to "lord" or rule over the people, but to evangelize the world with the Three Angels' Message. They were known as "the people of the Book", the Holy Bible. The leadership and pastors were humble, sincere, and uncompromising. Their institutions, such as schools and sanitariums (hospital), were faithful to the Bible truth. Sadly like Israel did over time, the leadership, pastors, and institutions compromised the truth and principles of God's Word. They apostatized away from the law of God and held on to church policies, manuals, and the foolishness of men. The leadership and pastors, like the Pharisees and Sadducees, became "lords" over the people instead of servants. Sadly, the great majority followed their apostate lead.

In the state of apostasy the corporate church of the GC and its affiliates established a "New Organization" with the same name, Seventh-day Adventist.

What warning does co-founder and prophetess, Ellen White, give concerning this new organization in the last days?

"Those who passed through these experiences are to be as firm as a rock to the principles that have made us Seventh-day Adventists. They are to be workers together with God, binding up the testimony and sealing the law among His disciples. Those who took part in the establishment of our work upon a foundation of Bible truth, those who know the waymarks that have pointed out the right path, are to be regarded as workers of the highest value. They can speak from personal experience, regarding the truths entrusted to them."

"These men are not to permit their faith to be changed to infidelity; they are not to permit the banner of the third angel to be taken from their hands. They are to hold the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end. The Lord has declared that the history of the past shall be rehearsed as we enter upon the closing work. Every truth that He has given for these last days is to be proclaimed to the world. Every pillar that He has established is to be strengthened. We **cannot** now step off the foundation that God has established. We cannot now enter into any **new** organization; for this would mean apostasy from the truth." {2 Selected Messages Pg. 390}

"The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed." "The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities. and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure." {1 Selected Messages Pg. 204-205}

How the leadership established a New Seventh-day Adventists organization that has severed itself from the one church of Christ?

- 1) From 1910 and forward against Biblical counsel and spiritual of prophecy the leadership pushed for and received worldly accreditation in its training institutions and colleges.
- 2) By the 1940s all of its colleges in the US received partial or full accreditation based on worldly educational standards that changed the mission and purposes of SDA schools.
- 3) By the 1950 and 60s the accreditation agencies required that SDA schools had to have certain amount of professors with Ph.D's. Many Adventists professors had to go to worldly institutions to get their PhD and they hired non-Adventist PhD professors in order to keep in compliance with accreditation.
- 4) As a result, false doctrines and humanism flowed into the SDA church training centers from SDA elementary school to universities. Humanism replaced God with the "wisdom" and reasoning of humans. Humans are the solution. Humans are god on earth. The students, pastors, leaders, and church membership ate and drank this for many years until it finally saturated the denomination in apostasy and worldliness!

- 5) In the 1950's a few church leaders took it upon themselves to stealthily change key doctrines of the denomination in order to be accepted by other denominations and evangelical churches. These false doctrines were first heavily taught to the pastors and seminary students then printed in denominational publications and taught to the entire membership.
- 6) By the 1970's and 80's there was a full blown acceptance of many false doctrines that were birthed in the 1950's such as:
- FALSE 1 Original Sin: the concept that we were born in sin and cannot stop doing it in this life. No victory of sin is possible.
- FALSE 2 Atonement was finished at the cross, so your sins were forgiven and you were saved before you were born, conditional on your verbal acceptance.
- FALSE 3 Salvation by profession alone is enough and that character change is really not necessary.
- FALSE 4 Obedience to the law of God and striving to live a holy life is "legalism."
- FALSE 5 Christ had the immaculate nature of Adam before his fall. Therefore, Jesus was not our example because it was not possible for Him to sin.
- FALSE 6 Creation occurred in the long-distant past, not about 6,000 years ago

All this was a result of the first compromise of accrediting SDA training centers with worldly accreditation agencies in order to "compete" with the world!

- 7) By the 1990's in order to make their students "better" counselors, psychologist, and social workers, multiple SDA colleges and universities from the social work and psychology departments invited people from the homosexual community to familiarize the school with the LGBT lifestyle.
- 8) By the 2000's a whole new church organization was stealthily and fully established! Even though the corporate church retained the name Seventh-day Adventist Church it was not the church of its beginnings on the mountain of truth! Same name but whole new system, why? The compromise from the leadership trickled down to the membership.

When was this new organization officially introduced to the SDA membership? It was at the 57th General Conference Session, held on June 29-July 8, 2000 at the SkyDome and Metro Toronto Center, in Toronto, Canada.

While SDA leadership was introducing the world SDA to a "NEW" organization inside the SkyDome in Toronto during the session, SDA clowns, puppets, and pantomimes were busy working on the outside of the dome as a distraction and to introduce people to the new Adventist's message.

Two key corporate church acts at the 2000 Toronto session that reveal that the church officially changed and fully accepted humanism, replacing God with human philosophies are:

1) The corporate SDA logo of the Three Angels going around the world was officially replaced with the current ecumenical logo of the "Flaming Bible"

2) The goddess of Reason (humanism) was secretly introduced to the worldwide SDA church as a bronze sculpture by Victor Issa that was said to be the life size people from nations waiting for the second coming of Jesus. The prominent woman that is lifted up higher above all the other human bronze sculptures in the scene is actually the modern version of the goddess of reason! Her dress is revealing and worldly. (compare the picture)

"One of the opening events at the a General Conference Session in Toronto was the unveiling of Victor Issa's sculpture depicting the second coming of Christ. This sculpture, done in bronze, shows a group of people, both young and old and of different cultures, looking up in anticipation of Jesus' return. To my mind, this sculpture set the tone for the whole GC Session and its theme, Almost Home."-The Record, "The 57th General Conference Reports, Schneider Elected President," Aug. 2000

After the Toronto General session this sculpture scene was permanently installed in the lobby of the Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters in Silver Springs, Maryland in the summer of 2000!

Humanism Logo Officially Adopted

In 2003 and forward, the logo of humanism is officially adopted by the SDA corporate church's official TV network, known as the Hope Channel as their logo. This logo is now found in many areas of the Adventist church as well as other church denominations.

2010 – GC leaders told the members that they would distribute millions of copies of the Great Controversy worldwide! They raised millions from the members then later did a bait and switch and distributed a poorly abridged (rewritten) and small version entitle the "Great Hope". No mention of the reformers, the papacy and so much more. It was a great waste of paper and scam. It was one of their new books of the new organization.

2015 the Biblical Research Institute and the Seminary at Andrews University, arms of the General Conference, reveal their support of the LGBTQ through their document entitled, "An Understanding of the Biblical View on Homosexual Practice and Pastoral Care Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary Position Paper Voted on October 9, 2015."

They acknowledge the Bible's stance against on Homosexuality but in later parts of the document they mixed it with major error such as the following:

"It should be emphasized, however, that the biblical materials condemn homosexual practice, but there is no castigation of innate homosexual orientation per se." (p.14) In others words they say it is ok if they are non practicing gays. That is an oxymoron.

"All persons, including practicing homosexuals, should be made to feel welcome to attend our churches while non-practicing gay persons should be welcomed into membership and church office." (p. 16)

"We stand against any antipathy toward homosexuals as well as any cultural biases that fuel a lack of Christ-like love toward them. These kinds of attitudes need to be repented of and the Church needs to provide more intentional ministries directed toward gay and lesbian persons (Matt 9:13; John 3:17)."(p. 17)

"Recent literature denies the possibility that gay and lesbian persons can be changed, and even claims that change attempts are harmful." (p. 17)

"We strongly affirm that homosexual persons have a place in the Seventh-day Adventist Church." (p.18)

2015 to present – Many of the conference churches promoted or permitted, "The Seventh-day Gay Adventist" movie and movement among its members.

2021 Many the conference leaders and churches are promoting the COVID-19 vaccine which uses mRNA based on evolutionary principles. Some churches have become testing and vaccination sites! Many churches have been closed for over a year since COVID-19. When it came to enforcing God's standards, the church like the world said that it was not loving to do so. But, when it came to enforcing the governments standards, the church like the world relentlessly enforced the policies without flinching or excusing their harshness.

In addition, for many years the SDA hospitals and clinics promoted pharmakeia, a system of poisonous drugs and they have murdered thousands of babies through abortions!

What happened to those who rejected truth at the time of the flood?

Matthew 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Like the days of Noah, two churches were revealed - Christ One True Church and Satan's Counterfeit. The same is true today. Any church that rejects the light of truth joins with the counterfeit church in which Jesus warns us about in Matthew 24. Those who join themselves to the counterfeit system that denies truth will be taken away - LOST! But those who do not compromise and live by the truth will remain in the ONE CHURCH of Christ by faith.

The next verse Jesus gives us a modern day example of the remnant and the lost. Those who are following truth and those following error. Those who hold on the Bible truth of the Seventh-day Adventist's message and those who support and bow down to the man-made traditions of the "new" Seventh-day Adventist's Corporate church system...

Matthew 24:39 - 41

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

- 40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
- 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Who does the woman represent? The church. In this case two churches the true Seventh-day Adventist's Movement and the false new Seventh-day Adventists corporate church... TRUTH & ERROR.

In verse 40 both have workers in the field, world evangelistic work. One giving the full truth and the other giving truth and error. Jesus reveals one will be taken (lost) and the other left (saved).

In verse 41 They are both grinding mill for bread, but one is truth and one is error. One church will be taken (lost) the other left (remaining ones – SAVED)

Appeal - Which church do you belong to? One that will be taken or the one that will be left? Does it really matter what church you are in? Foundation rock or sand? The storm is coming and it will hit everyone, but only those who will be able to stand are the remnant people of God who stand on the Mountain Rock of Truth! All others will be swept away. (See Matthew 7:21 - 27)