



Rebellion and Redemption 1Q 2016 Lesson 6 Victory in the Wilderness

I received this email this week:

Greetings from the Philippines. I thank the Lord, I found this site. I can't find enough words to express how happy am I, I found Dr. Jennings teaching about God's Love, His true character, And His Plan of Salvation for the lost humanity. Now all my questions pertaining to God's Love and His judgement in the Second coming of Jesus are now clearly answered. His teaching about the Character of God is really life-transforming. How I wish, I can have his free CD'S and DVD'S but I'm in the Philippines.

Good news for all outside the US all our DVDs and free materials are available online for streaming!

I also received this email this week:

I have recently found your ministry. We are studying Revelation. It's been really difficult to listen to teaching that is so different than your interpretation. God has put in my heart John 17:3. And ever since then I have just been praying it. My mind has been open to complete love and I have a difficult time listening to teachings that are not LOVE. Please pray for me. I understand that taking on the life of Christ includes persecution. I praying that I can find others in my community that are lovers of Truth. I suppose my request is mainly for prayer. Thank you

And an online friend sent me an article a week or two ago, and I found this in it from a Dr. Syme:

Some years later, I went to American University where I did my work in Church History and I met one of my Church History teachers and in conversation with him, he said, "You'd be very surprised to know what my present assignment is."

So I said, "Yes, I might be. Well, what is it?"

*"Well", he said, "I have been spending about two months in the White vaults."
And I said, "What conclusion did you come to?"*

"Well", he said, "The World Council of Churches has been picking up the tab. They wanted me to comment on the question of Ellen G. White because of Dr Handspicker's previous



statement.” And he said, “I’ve been investigating, and they have been very courteous and they gave me every facility. But,” he said, “The thing that amazes me about Seventh-day Adventists, and the thing that amazed me particularly about the White Estate, was how they ever got any work done.” He said, “That phone, it buzzed from first thing in the morning to last thing at night. The questions, the kind of questions which any person with common sense ought to be able to answer, they would have to inquire what Ellen White said about it.”

So, evidently, some non-SDAs have picked up on the struggle some SDAs have with believing obvious truths without a confirming quote from EGW.

Sadly many people have been raised not to think for themselves, not to become mature Christians as described in Heb 5:14 who developed by practice the ability to discern the right from the wrong, but instead are conditioned to look to some other authority to tell them the answers. This is not what EGW taught.

So—for those who need an EGW quote to believe this:

Every human being, created in the image of God, is endowed with a power akin to that of the Creator-- individuality, **power to think** and to do. The men in whom this power is developed are the men who bear responsibilities, who are leaders in enterprise, and who influence character. **It is the work of true education to develop this power, to train the youth to be thinkers, and not mere reflectors of other men's thought.** Instead of confining their study to that which men have said or written, let students be directed to the sources of truth, to the vast fields opened for research in nature and revelation. Let them contemplate the great facts of duty and destiny, and the mind will expand and strengthen. Instead of educated weaklings, institutions of learning may send forth men strong to think and to act, men who are masters and not slaves of circumstances, men who possess breadth of mind, clearness of thought, and the courage of their convictions. {Ed 17.2}

"We must study the truth for ourselves. No man should be relied upon to think for us. No matter who he is, or in what position he may be placed, we are not to look upon any man as a criterion for us. We are to counsel together, and to be subject one to another; but at the same time we are to exercise the ability God has given us, in order to learn what is truth. Each one of us must look to God for divine enlightenment. We must individually develop a character that will stand the test in the day of God." *Testimonies to Ministers* 109,110; first published in *Gospel Workers*, 1892 ed., pp. 128,129; cf. *2RH* 311:3:1 (*RH*, June 18, 1889); *CW* 45; *ST*, Feb. 6, 1893



What makes us vulnerable to being so easily confused, and therefore so willing and eager to have someone else tell us the answer, is that we have fallen victim to the sola scriptura approach, the idea that Scripture must be kept separate from science and experience, and we must not use our reason to think about it.

But, God has given us three threads of evidence to be integrated, Scripture, Science and Experience, and we are to harmonize all three. When we learn how to do this, then we can come to conclusions and understand the reality which God created.

The great storehouse of truth is the **word of God—the written word, the book of nature, and the book of experience** in God’s dealing with human life. E.G. White, Christ’s Object Lessons 125

SABBATH

Read memory text, “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10 NKJV

What do you hear Jesus say His mission to earth was to accomplish?

Can you think of any other statements of Jesus in which He describes His mission?

- For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Jn 3:16,17
- Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mt 20:26-28
- And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” ²³ Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. Lk 9:22-24

With all these statements—what do you hear Jesus say His mission was?

- to heal
- to save
- to recover that which was lost



- to serve
- to ransom many—which means what? To provide what was necessary to free us from our captivity—what holds us in captivity? The lies about God we believe and our own carnal natures. Then what is the ransom which is necessary to free us from such bondage? The truth about God and a new nature. Who does such a ransom get paid to?
- Give His life to die and then to rise again—Did Christ know He was going to die? Did He know He would rise again? How? What does it mean? Which law lens do you view it through? To restore his image in us!

Read the last paragraph, “This week, as we look...” Did Satan try to have baby Jesus killed shortly after His birth?

Consider the implications in light of penal substitutionary theology and the false law construct upon which it is based.

It is taught that sin is breaking God’s law, which not only requires a legal payment, but has personally offended God, inciting wrath and that the only thing that would pay the legal penalty and resolve God’s wrath was the shedding of the blood of God’s sinless Son.

Was baby Jesus sinless? Were evil men attempting to kill Him as an infant—then why stop it? If what is needed to save humanity is for a payment of innocent blood to resolve our legal debt and turn away the wrath of an offended deity, this could have been accomplished right then and there.

But, a legal payment was NEVER necessary, and killing baby Jesus would have PREVENTED the plan of salvation from being accomplished—why?

What was needed to save mankind?

What was the problem sin caused that the plan of salvation was designed to fix?

When Adam and Eve sinned did God get changed? Did God’s law change? Did the nature of humankind change? Then whatever God was going to accomplish through Jesus it wasn’t to change Himself, nor His law, because they were not changed—the impact, the effect, the transforming energy must be applied to the species human!



So, killing baby Jesus would have prevented that work from being accomplished by Jesus, because Jesus had to actually live out a life as a human in order to reverse what sin has done to the human condition.

And specifically what was that work?

- Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil. Hebrews 2:14
- For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Colossians 1:19-20
 - Through the plan of salvation, **a larger purpose** is to be wrought out even than the salvation of man and the redemption of the earth. **Through the revelation of the character of God in Christ, the beneficence of the divine government will be manifested before the universe**, the charge of Satan against God refuted, the nature and result of sin made plain, and the perpetuity of the law fully demonstrated. **Satan had declared that the law of God was faulty**, and that the good of the universe demanded a change in its requirements. In attacking the law, he thought to overthrow the authority of its Author, and gain for himself the supreme allegiance. **But through the plan of salvation, the precepts of the law were to be proved perfect and immutable**, that at last one tide of glory and love might go up throughout the universe, ascribing glory and honour and praise to Him that sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb forever and ever. {BEcho, July 15, 1893 par. 3}

The inhabitants of all worlds will be convinced of the justice of the law in the overthrow of rebellion and the eradication of sin. When man, beguiled by Satan's power, disobeyed the divine law, **God could not, even to save the lost race, change that law**. God is love, and **to change the law would be to deny Himself, to overthrow those principles with which are bound up the good of the universe**. The working out of the plan of salvation reveals not only to men, **but to angels, the character of God, and through the ages of eternity the malignant character of sin** will be understood by the cost to the Father and the Son of the redemption of a rebel race. In Christ, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, all worlds will behold the marks of the curse, **and angels as well as men** will ascribe honour and glory to the Redeemer, through whom they are all made secure from apostasy. **The efficiency of the cross guards the redeemed race from the danger of a second fall. The life and death of Christ effectually unveils the deceptions of Satan, and refutes his claims. The sacrifice of Christ for a fallen world draws not only men, but angels, unto Him in bonds of indissoluble union.** {BEcho, July 15, 1893 par. 4}

- Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 2Timothy 1:10
 - How does the death of Christ destroy death?



- What is the basis of life?
- What then causes death?
- What did Christ's death accomplish that destroys death?
- Christ destroyed death, Christ was NOT destroyed by death, Christ destroyed the infection of fear and selfishness, when he was tempted to save self, but instead gave his life in love! Some like this language—Christ destroyed the carnal nature at the Cross and arose in a humanity He perfected and healed back to God's original design!
- Here is an EGW quote:
- The grain of wheat that preserves its own life can produce no fruit. It abides alone. Christ could, if He chose, save Himself from death. But should He do this, He must abide alone. He could bring no sons and daughters to God. **Only by yielding up His life could He impart life to humanity.** Only by falling into the ground to die could He become the seed of that vast harvest,—the great multitude that out of every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, are redeemed to God. {DA 623.4}

With this truth Christ connects the lesson of self-sacrifice that all should learn: "**He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.**" All who would bring forth fruit as workers together with Christ must first fall into the ground and die. The life must be cast into the furrow of the world's need. **Self-love, self-interest, must perish. And the law of self-sacrifice is the law of self-preservation.** The husbandman preserves his grain by casting it away. **So in human life. To give is to live. The life that will be preserved is the life that is freely given in service to God and man. Those who for Christ's sake sacrifice their life in this world will keep it unto life eternal.** {DA 623.5}

The life spent on self is like the grain that is eaten. It disappears, but there is no increase. **A man may gather all he can for self;** he may live and think and plan for self; **but his life passes away, and he has nothing. The law of self-serving is the law of self-destruction.** {DA 624.1}

- The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 1John 3:8
 - The life of Christ is to be revealed in humanity. Man was the crowning act of the creation of God, made in the image of God, and designed to be a counterpart of God; **but Satan has labored to obliterate the image of God in man, and to imprint upon him his own image.** Lift Him Up 48.
 - Jesus destroyed that work by restoring perfectly God's image in the species human!
- Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him... Heb 5:8,9



- **The law requires righteousness,--a righteous life, a perfect character;** and this man has not to give. He cannot meet the claims of God's holy law. **But Christ, coming to the earth as man, lived a holy life, and developed a perfect character.** These He offers as a free gift to all who will receive them. His life stands for the life of men. Thus they have remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God. More than this, **Christ imbues men with the attributes of God. He builds up the human character after the similitude of the divine character,** a goodly fabric of spiritual strength and beauty. Thus the very righteousness of the law is fulfilled in the believer in Christ. God can "be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." Romans 3:26. {DA 762.2}

So what was it Christ came to achieve?

- The revelation of truth to destroy lies, which secures the unfallen worlds in loyalty
- The destruction of the infection of fear and selfishness and the restoration of God's law of love back into the Spirit Temple where it was originally supposed to dwell
- The development of a perfect, mature, HUMAN character in harmony with God's

And here is an EGW quote:

"Now is the judgment of this world," Christ continued; "now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all unto Me. This He said, signifying what death He should die." This is the crisis of the world. If I become the propitiation for the sins of men, **the world will be lighted up. [truth will be revealed] Satan's hold upon the souls of men will be broken. [lies, fear and selfishness broken by truth and love and trust restored—the ransom payment of truth and love paid to us!] The defaced image of God will be restored in humanity, [in trust we open the heart and receive the character of Christ reproduced in us! We become partakers of the divine nature, metaphorically we are drinking the blood i.e. life of Christ]** and a family of believing saints will finally inherit the heavenly home. **This is the result of Christ's death.** The Saviour is lost in contemplation of the scene of triumph called up before Him. He sees the cross, the cruel, ignominious cross, with all its attending horrors, blazing with glory. {DA 625.4}

But the work of human redemption is not all that is accomplished by the cross. **The love of God is manifested to the universe.** The prince of this world is cast out. The accusations which Satan has brought against God are refuted. The reproach which he has cast upon heaven is forever removed. **Angels as well as men are drawn to the Redeemer. "I, if I be lifted up from the earth," He said, "will draw all unto Me."** {DA 626.1}



Jesus did exactly what He said He would do—He came to save that which was lost!

SUNDAY

Read first & second paragraph, “Why did Jesus..” What do you think about restoring the dominion of Adam?

After Adam’s sin and before Christ’s victory at Calvary, was Satan the rightful ruler of planet earth? Did Satan ever have any “legal” or rightful claim to earth?

Some versions of Christianity have accepted a false idea, based on Satan’s temptations to Jesus, in which Satan claims the kingdoms of the earth as his own and offers them to Jesus. Thus some teach that Jesus had to defeat Satan in some battle of titans and reclaim the rightful title or deed to planet earth. This is all false. Satan was never the rightful ruler of earth. It is true that Satan deceived Adam and displaced Adam but Adam was subject to Christ and Christ was always the rightful ruler, and that did not change when Satan deceived Adam.

What did change was that humankind and the entire planet became infected with Satan’s principle of fear and selfishness.

Do you think all the powers we see in the life of Christ, Adam possessed before his fall? In other words, was it within Adam’s power to walk on water, heal all types of maladies (if there were any, which there were not), but manipulate the genetic code of plants and animals, talk to animals and direct the movement with sounds or thoughts, move objects etc.?

If Adam were the ruler of earth, doesn’t it make sense that Adam would have had the ability to intervene in nature and adjust, modify, change, modify and adapt nature in harmony with God’s design?

For instance, before sin Adam tended the Garden of Eden—would Adam have had the ability to hybridize plants? But would he have been restricted to the clumsy way we do it? Could Adam have had understanding of the genetic structure, epigenetic modifications, and with energy from His own person reached out and adjusted the code to cause a plant to produce different shapes or colored flowers?

Do we need an EGW quote?



Check out this description from the book *Patriarchs and Prophets*:

While they remained true to God, Adam and his companion were to bear rule over the earth. **Unlimited control was given them over every living thing.** The lion and the lamb sported peacefully around them or lay down together at their feet. The happy birds flitted about them without fear; and as their glad songs ascended to the praise of their Creator, Adam and Eve united with them in thanksgiving to the Father and the Son. {PP 50.2}

The holy pair were not only children under the fatherly care of God **but students** receiving instruction from the all-wise Creator. They were visited by angels, and were granted communion with their Maker, with no obscuring veil between. They were full of the vigor imparted by the tree of life, and **their intellectual power was but little less than that of the angels. The mysteries of the visible universe--**"the wondrous works of Him which is perfect in knowledge" (Job 37:16)--**afforded them an exhaustless source of instruction and delight. The laws and operations of nature, which have engaged men's study for six thousand years, were opened to their minds by the infinite Framer and Upholder of all. They held converse with leaf and flower and tree, gathering from each the secrets of its life.** With every living creature, from the mighty leviathan that playeth among the waters to the insect mote that floats in the sunbeam, Adam was familiar. He had given to each its name, and he was acquainted with the nature and habits of all. God's glory in the heavens, the innumerable worlds in their orderly revolutions, "the balancings of the clouds," the mysteries of light and sound, of day and night--**all were open to the study of our first parents. On every leaf of the forest or stone of the mountains, in every shining star, in earth and air and sky, God's name was written.** The order and harmony of creation spoke to them of infinite wisdom and power. They were ever discovering some attraction that filled their hearts with deeper love and called forth fresh expressions of gratitude. {PP 50.3}

So long as they remained loyal to the divine law, their capacity to know, to enjoy, and to love would continually increase. They would be constantly gaining new treasures of knowledge, discovering fresh springs of happiness, and obtaining clearer and yet clearer conceptions of the immeasurable, unfailing love of God. {PP 51.1}

Wow—can you imagine? Amazing!



Do you see the jealousy of Satan—how Satan coveted the position of Christ, and not being able to become creator, Satan coveted the position of Adam and thus sought to usurp Adam for multiple reasons, but one to gain access to this earth with its incredible design, and diversity of life!

And what has Satan done with it? He has corrupted it, infected it, and is destroying it. Only through Christ is the destructive power of Satan held at bay and ultimately removed!

Read the third paragraph, “Second, He came to bring judgment...” Sadly, they use the word judgment here, which lends itself all too easily to be misunderstood as judicial, rather than diagnostic. But Jesus did come to accurately diagnose and expose the infection of sin and to provide Remedy.

Read last paragraph, “Third, Jesus came into...” Did anyone notice the subtle change the lesson made in the Bible reference? In the first sentence they reference John 1:29, which reads: “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the *sin* of the world!”

Notice they didn’t use the word sin; they changed it to sins? What difference does it make?

Sins leads our minds to think about deeds, behaviors, acts, breaking rules...it leads us down the false trail of imposed law with the false theology of penal substitution. It leads us to think of ourselves, our mistakes, what we have done wrong and the lie that says God must punish sinners for breaking the law.

When we use what the Bible says, and realize Jesus came to take away the sin of the world, we realize that sin is a condition, a state of being which is out of harmony with God’s design, and which we cannot fix. Jesus came to fix this condition. We further realize that the sins, the actual bad deeds, are symptoms of the condition of sin and only by fixing the condition, being reborn, etc. will the symptoms remit.

Thus, without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin—without the Remedy procured by Jesus our sinful condition would not remit back to God’s perfect design!

MONDAY

The lesson asks us to read Matthew 3:7-12:



But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

The lesson asks why John uses language like this to introduce the Messiah?

Which law lens do you see it through?

If imposed law then you hear a scary power monger who will use power to punish and destroy—this is sadly how many people conceive of God.

But what if you understand God’s law as it really is, the protocols upon which reality is constructed, the law of love built into reality and to which we are currently out of harmony?

What is the current “natural” state of humankind? The Bible says we are dead in trespass and sin—which means what? We have a terminal condition, that we did not choose to have, but with which we were born.

So, what happens if God does nothing?

What happens if we refuse to receive what God has done through Christ?

So, what is it we need? To be healed and restored to unity with God, anything short of this results in our suffering and death.

So, here are these verses from *The Remedy*:

But when he saw the lawyers and theologians of the Pharisee and Sadducee schools arrive where he was dipping people in the Jordan, he said to them: "You poisonous snakes! What are you doing here? Do you think you can get right with God by washing in the Jordan?"⁸ Your hearts must be cleansed and characters renewed, so that your lives bring forth actions in



harmony with God's character of love.⁹ And don't try claiming you're right with God because you're a genetic descendant of Abraham. Biologic descent is irrelevant. The descendants of Abraham are as numerous as the stones lying on the shore.¹⁰ The axe of selfishness is already cutting through the roots of Israel, and every person who refuses to be renewed in love and bring forth character of righteousness will be cut off and destroyed.

¹¹ "I immerse people in water, symbolizing their repentance. But one is coming after me whose sandals I am not even fit to hold. He will immerse you in the Holy Spirit and the cleansing fire of God's love and truth.¹² He sifts the wheat from the chaff, purifying his people by consuming all defects with unstoppable fire."

Read bottom section and green section, "It [Christ's first coming] came, however..." How might faithful people today have misconceptions about Christ's second coming?

TUESDAY

Read first paragraph, "When Jesus..." Jesus did not invite temptation, meaning Jesus didn't go where He knew He would be tempted. However, the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness—did the Holy Spirit foreknow what would happen there?

Then why did the Holy Spirit lead Jesus there knowing that He would be tempted by Satan?

Because, it was necessary for Christ to achieve His mission—Jesus had to be "tempted in every way just like we are" in order to overcome with His human brain and develop a perfect human character.

What about us? Should we purposely go where we know we will be tempted? No! An alcoholic should avoid alcohol etc.

But, will the Holy Spirit lead us in paths where we will have opportunity to overcome, grow, mature, and develop mature character?

A refining, purifying process is going on among the people of God, and **the Lord of hosts has set His hand to this work.** This process is most trying to the soul, but it is necessary in order that defilement may be removed. Trials are essential in order that we may be brought close to our heavenly Father, in submission to His will, that we may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. . . . **The Lord brings His children over the same ground again and again, increasing the pressure until perfect humility fills the mind, and the character is transformed; then they are victorious over self,** and in harmony with Christ and the Spirit



of heaven. **The purification of God's people cannot be accomplished without suffering. . . . He passes us from one fire to another, testing our true worth.** True grace is willing to be tried. If we are loath to be searched by the Lord, our condition is one of peril. . . . {ML 92.2}

Read second paragraph, “There are dramatic...” And what did they build? They built a sanctuary, what is the object lesson application/parallel to Jesus in this?

Tell him this is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the Lord. ¹³ It is he who will build the temple of the Lord, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two. Zech 6:12-13

Jesus also built a sanctuary, what temple or sanctuary did Jesus build?

What is the application of this to our understanding of the heavenly sanctuary?

WEDNESDAY

The lesson is about when Satan tempted Jesus to throw Himself off the temple.

Read third paragraph, “Jesus was not...” Yes, Jesus had genuine trust in His Father, but there is another critical element that Jesus had that is left out and to which the temptation targeted, what was it?

Jesus knew who He was, the temptation was not merely about trust in God, it was targeting human fear and insecurity. We are all infected with fear and insecurity—fear rejection, fear not being liked, fear not being accepted, fear not being understood etc.

Thus, this temptation was about playing on the fear that humans struggle with in regard to our own identity.

Think through your own life experiences, how many times were you tempted (or still are) by insecurity in your own identity to do things to be accepted?

How many times do we get tempted into doing something in order to “prove” ourselves to others?



Jesus trusted His Father, but Jesus also had confidence in who He was; He was content with who He was and thus didn't NEED approval from others. Jesus didn't need to convince an angel that He was who He said He was, but only need to BE Himself.

So many people get trapped into focusing on what others think of them, rather than focusing on being the healthiest, most Christlike person they can be!

THURSDAY

The lesson is about receiving the kingdoms of the world if He will worship Satan.

read fourth paragraph, "This test focused..." What direct intervention did God do after Adam's fall?

- God intervened in the hearts of humans to put a desire for good, without this human beings would have been fully united on Satan's side
 - The Lord says, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman." The enmity does not exist as a natural fact. **As soon as Adam sinned, he was in harmony with the first great apostate, and at war with God; and if God had not interfered in man's behalf, Satan and man would have formed a confederacy against heaven,** and carried on united opposition against the God of hosts. **There is no natural enmity between evil angels and evil men;** both are evil through transgression of the law of God, and evil will always league against good. Fallen men and fallen angels enter into a desperate companionship. {ST, July 11, 1895 par. 5}
- God intervenes with the powers of darkness
- God intervened in the natural course that sin does to the sinner, by Jesus becoming sin though he knew no sin so that we might become the righteousness of God.
- Jesus never intervenes with God to change God in some way

FRIDAY

Read first paragraph, "Though one..." What do you think they mean by a physical conflict? Are they speaking of Jesus on earth physically battling with hunger, thirst, fatigue, and pain when whipped and crucified? Or are they speaking of some battle of physical might between two super-beings?

Or perhaps the physical battle of what sin is doing to creation with mutations and amalgamations and Jesus working in nature to physical heal and restore all that Satan has mutated and damaged?



And what if we have the Great Controversy theme, but we fail to rightly understand the nature of God's law as design law, and instead continue to believe it is imposed law?

Read and discuss questions



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Jennings has been named a *Champion of Health* by True Health Broadcasting Network in association with Health Institute for Preventive Care, Access, Research and Education (HIPCARE) and True Health TV and will be presented with the “*Legacy Champion of Health*” award at a Gala on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC), Atlanta, Georgia.

This award is being presented to Dr. Jennings, as it states in the award letter, “because of your unselfish commitment to community health exemplified by your leadership in the community and as author of “*The God-shaped Brain*” and “*Could it be this Simple? A Biblical Model for Healing the Mind*”.

The God-Shaped Brain is now available in Korean and is available at this website: http://book.naver.com/bookdb/book_detail.nhn?bid=9519886

The Remedy – Dr. Jennings’ New Testament Paraphrase—FREE for ios and android systems.

The Journal of the Watcher is now available as a HARD COVER book at Amazon as well as a movie in itunes for everyone without ios or android, you can now get it in itunes. It is also available as an APP for Apple and Android devices.

January 29-30, 2016: Dr. Jennings will be speaking at The Haven Church in St. Helena, CA.

February 20, 2016: Class will meet at Hamilton Community Church due to the Courthouse being unavailable.

March 11-12, 2016: Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the Village Church, College Place, WA.

April 1-2, 2016: Dr. Jennings will be speaking at Spring Branch Hispanic SDA church, Houston, TX.