



The mind must yield obedience to the royal law of liberty, the law which the Spirit of God impresses upon the heart, and makes plain to the understanding. [Can an imposed law change the heart and provide genuine freedom while enlightening the mind? No! Only God's design realities can!] **The expulsion of sin must be the act of the soul itself, in calling into exercise its noblest powers.** [How can the soul expel sin? The remedy to sin is not found in the soul itself, the power to overcome sin is not found in the soul itself, so how can the soul expel sin? Note the key work is the **act**, or action, of the soul to expel sin and what is that act or action? It is the choice to reject the lie, to say yes to the truth, to surrender to Jesus, thus we are required to think to reason, to come to a conclusion—is God like Jesus revealed or is He like Satan alleges? What kind of law does God use to govern His universe?] **The only freedom a finite will can enjoy, consists in coming into harmony with the will of God, complying with the conditions that make man a partaker of the divine nature.** {OHC 138.4} [What are those conditions? It is the conditions of God's reality—how He constructed His universe to operate, which is design law. When we substitute His law of love, liberty and truth for human imposed law then we become slaves, not free beings—just like the Pharisees in Christ's day!]

The law of God given from Sinai is a copy of the mind and will of the Infinite God. [Does this mean the 10 commandments were always in existence, or the principles of love and liberty were always in existence and when humanity became sinful God distilled these principles into a form specifically for the need of sinful humans? From the same author “The law of God existed before the creation of man or else Adam could not have sinned. **After the transgression of Adam the principles of the law were not changed, but were definitely arranged and expressed to meet man in his fallen condition.**”{1SM 230.1} It is sacredly revered by the holy angels. **Obedience to its requirements will perfect Christian character, and restore man, through Christ, to his condition before the Fall.** [Is this true? When we understand design law it makes perfect sense—a doctor cannot get patients well in violations of the laws of health. All violations of the laws of health injure and undermine life. However, harmony with the laws of health heal. We cannot avoid the damage for violating God's law, likewise we cannot avoid the blessings for harmonizing with His design law!] The sins forbidden in the law could never find place in heaven. {OHC 138.5}

It was the love of God to man that prompted Him to express His will in the ten precepts of the Decalogue. . . . God has given man a complete rule of life in His law. Obeyed, he shall live by it, through the merits of Christ. Transgressed, it has power to condemn. **The law sends men to Christ, and Christ points them back to the law.** [The law diagnoses us as sick, which sends us to Christ, who procured the remedy, and in trust we open the heart and have our desires, motives, attitudes change and we receive the indwelling Spirit, then we begin to choose differently and as we choose differently we receive greater enlightenment, and transformation which comes from Christ through the working of the Spirit!] {OHC 138.6}

But Satan doesn't want us to understand the truth about God's law, he wants us to believe the lie that it is like human law, a legal system that requires imposition of punishments and legal payments. Consider this insight from the book *Prophets and Kings*:



In Isaiah's day the spiritual understanding of mankind was dark through misapprehension of God. **Long had Satan sought to lead men to look upon their Creator as the author of sin and suffering and death. [How? By teaching them that sin requires punishment and God in order to be just must execute sinners]** Those whom he had thus deceived, imagined that God was hard and exacting. **They regarded Him as watching to denounce and condemn, unwilling to receive the sinner so long as there was a legal excuse for not helping him. [What is the lie? What is the common view taught in Christianity today?]** **The law of love by which heaven is ruled had been misrepresented by the archdeceiver as a restriction upon men's happiness, a burdensome yoke from which they should be glad to escape. He declared that its precepts could not be obeyed and that the penalties of transgression were bestowed arbitrarily.** p. 311 **[What is the law that heaven is ruled by? The law of love and what kind of law is this? Design law, and are there penalties for breaking it? Yes, but how are they bestowed? They are the natural results of stepping out of harmony with how God constructed reality to exist. What kind of law has arbitrary penalties? Imposed human law—which is what Christianity has been infected with and why we have failed to prepare people for Christ's return!]**

MONDAY

Read Revelation 2:18-29 from *The Remedy*:

¹⁸"To the messenger to my recovering children in the church in Thyatira, write: This message is from Jesus—the Son of God—whose eyes shine brightly like a fire, and whose feet glow like metal in a furnace:¹⁹I know the choices you have made, your love and devotion, your service and dedication, and how your healing progresses as you are achieving more now than when you first took the Remedy.

²⁰"Yet I have diagnosed this problem: You have accepted the teachings of Jezebel, which make me look like Baal—a being who imposes law, inflicts torture, and must be appeased. Her teachings mislead people into internalizing pagan ideas about God—including God being like Baal and requiring bloody payments—and thus committing spiritual adultery by giving their hearts to a false god.²¹I have given her time to turn away from the lies about God, but she refuses;²²so I will let her reap the suffering that comes from operating outside my design for life. And all those who accept her view of God commit adultery with her and will suffer terribly unless they reject the lies and return to the truth about God and his methods of love.²³I will destroy her offshoots—then all my children will know that I diagnose perfectly the condition of hearts and minds—and I will provide to each person what is in accord with their own choice.²⁴Now for the rest of you in Thyatira: Those who have rejected the lies about me and refused to believe that I am like Satan alleges—no other burden will come upon you;²⁵ just hold true to what you currently know until I return.



²⁶Everyone who prevails by completing the treatment and lives in harmony with my methods of love until the end, I will free from the power and authority of the nations.

²⁷'He will intervene with an unbreakable shepherd's rod; he will destroy the nation's ability to coerce and deceive, like iron crushing pottery.' I will give them the same power to break free as I received from my Father.²⁸I will give them the morning star—I will give them all of myself.

²⁹"Those whose minds are open to truth will understand what the Spirit reveals to the churches.

What are the lessons for us today?

- God is working through Jesus to heal all who trust Him, but God has been misrepresented in the church to be like Baal
- We are to reject this false version of God and stay true to Jesus and we will receive His indwelling and transforming presence

The general time period covered in the prophetic application is 538 CE until 1565 CE.

What does the name Jezebel refer to in this prophecy?

Jezebel was queen of Baal worship, and who was Baal?

- Son of El
- God of weather, rain, lightning which refreshed the earth and brought the harvest
- Fought against the leviathan the great serpent
- Fought against Mot the God of death and in this battle dies and rises again to bring life to the land

So what was wrong with Baal worship? Baal required appeasement, a blood payment in order to appease anger and bring blessings.

Baal became:

- Zeus to the Greeks
- Jupiter to the Romans
- Thor to the Norse
- Jesus Christ to Christians who worship an angry god who requires the blood of a human sacrifice to propitiate his wrath

Thus the prophecy to Thyatira, that during the Middle and Dark Ages the imperial law lie become orthodoxy within Christianity and the view of God that God functions like Baal would take root. And that lie has yet to be eliminated from Christianity and is the final lie to be confronted and rejected in order to complete the Reformation.



TUESDAY

Read Revelation 3:1-6 from *The Remedy*:

¹"To the messenger to my children in the church in Sardis, write:

This message is from Jesus, who directs the seven intelligent beings standing before the throne of God, and the seven messengers who are—like bright stars—shining forth the truth: I know your choices. You appear to be alive—living in harmony with the law of love—but you are dead in fear and self-centeredness.²Wake up before it is too late! Heal what remains viable but is about to die if you don't take action soon, for despite all your rituals and religious acts, you are devoid of love in the sight of my Father.³Remember the Remedy you have received: accept it, apply it to your lives, and turn away from the ways of the world. But if you refuse to wake up to your condition and embrace the truth, you will be unaware of what is happening, and my coming will be like a thief's—you will not know the time I will come to you.

⁴"Yet you still have a few faithful people in Sardis whose characters have not been stained with selfishness. They will walk by my side, dressed in the perfection of my character of love—pure and white—for they are healed.⁵Everyone who prevails by completing the treatment and lives in harmony with my methods of love until the end will also have character perfect and pure. I will never remove them from the book of life, but proclaim to my Father and his angels that they have been completely healed.⁶Those whose minds are open to truth will understand what the Spirit reveals to the churches.

What are the lessons for us today?

- God wants to heal and transform us in heart, mind and character
- If we refuse to trust Him He lets us go to die of our terminal condition
- Religious organization and structure do not save and often obstruct God's healing plan

The prophetic time period application is from 1565 CE – 1740 CE, the post-Reformation period.

The SDA Bible Commentary has the following regarding the time period of the church in Sardis:

Some decades after the beginning of the Reformation the new churches experienced a period of violent doctrinal controversy. **Eventually, differences of opinion were settled by the adoption of definitive creeds that tended to discourage the search for for additional truth. By a similar process the Roman Catholic Church, in the early centuries of its history, had crystallized much of its theology. Protected by the power and prestige of the state, and ensconced within the shelter of rigid creedal confessions, the national churches of the Protestant world generally came to content themselves with the form of godliness without its power.** Another important factor that contributed to apathy toward spiritual things was the rise of rationalism in the 17th and 18th centuries. Under the impact of scientific discovery, many scholars came to believe that natural law was sufficient to account for the workings of



the universe. **Often they concluded that God's chief function in relation to this world is only that of a first cause, and that since His initial act of creation, the world has functioned more or less independently of Him.** Thinking men who found the avenues of independent theological thought closed to them by the rigid formulas of Protestant orthodoxy turned, in some instances, to the new philosophical rationalism. Although rationalism produced much high idealism and commendable thinking in such fields as political science and humanitarianism, its presuppositions when applied to religion went far to encourage the spiritual coldness that characterized much of Protestantism in the centuries following the Reformation.¹

First, what is suggested as shutting down growth in advancing truth in the churches? Creeds with centralized authority to enforce those creeds—and what is happening in the SDA church now? Not only has the SDA developed its own creed, it is now in the process of centralizing authority to enforce its creeds.

What about rationalism—what is wrong with rationalism and how is it NOT what we teach in this class about God's design law?

Rationalism has a Creator who built reality and then left it alone to run on its own upon the laws of nature without God involved any more. This is quite distinct from understanding that all God's design laws are the outflow and working of God's divine presence and purpose through His universe.

From EGW:

Upon all created things is seen the impress of the Deity. Nature testifies of God. The susceptible mind, brought in contact with the miracle and mystery of the universe, cannot but recognize the working of infinite power. **Not by its own inherent energy does the earth produce its bounties,** and year by year continue its motion around the sun. **An unseen hand guides the planets in their circuit of the heavens. A mysterious life pervades all nature--a life that sustains the unnumbered worlds throughout immensity,** that lives in the insect atom which floats in the summer breeze, that wings the flight of the swallow and feeds the young ravens which cry, that brings the bud to blossom and the flower to fruit. {Ed 99.1}

The same power that upholds nature, is working also in man. The same great laws that guide alike the star and the atom control human life. **The laws that govern the heart's action, regulating the flow of the current of life to the body, are the laws of the mighty Intelligence that has the jurisdiction of the soul. From Him all life proceeds. Only in harmony with Him can be found its true sphere of action.** For all the objects of His creation the condition is the same--a life sustained by receiving the life of God, a life exercised in harmony with the Creator's will. To transgress His law, physical, mental, or moral, is to place

¹ Nichol, F. D. (Ed.). (1980). *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* (Vol. 7, p. 756). Review and Herald Publishing Association.



one's self out of harmony with the universe, to introduce discord, anarchy, ruin. {Ed 99.2}

It is God's plan **that every part of His government shall depend on every other part, the whole as a wheel within a wheel, working with entire harmony. He moves upon human forces, causing His Spirit to touch invisible chords, and the vibration rings to the extremity of the universe.**--Manuscript 22, 1897. {Ev 93.1}

This is quantum physics described—God the source of life, connected to every aspect of His universe as the life source and energy that sustains it all and only in harmony with Him is there life and health. Thus, we cannot simply by following the laws of nature, separate from the God who created and built nature and sustains its function, find life.

WEDNESDAY

Read Revelation 3:7-13 from *The Remedy*:

⁷"To the messenger to my children in the church in Philadelphia, write:

This message is from Jesus, who is holy and true, and who is the Key from David's line—the door to restoration, which he opens, no one can shut; and the doors he shuts no one can open:⁸I know your choices. Recognize that I have opened before you a door for your healing, that no one can shut. I know you are exhausted, but you have not given up. You have lived in harmony with my methods and have not rejected my character of love.⁹But those whose minds have become a sanctuary for Satan—who claim to be my children but are liars, as their characters are like Satan's—I will make them see the truth, and they will fall down at your feet and acknowledge that what I love is my children being healed, like you.¹⁰Since you have unwaveringly followed my instructions and lived in harmony with my methods, I will heal your characters, and you will have nothing to fear during the difficult time to come upon the world, which will differentiate the true nature of those who live on the earth.

¹¹"I am returning soon. Hold on to the Remedy you have received, and no one will trick you out of eternal life.¹²Everyone who prevails by completing the treatment and lives in harmony with my methods of love until the end, I will make a pillar, a living stone, in the heavenly temple of my God—a community of holy beings. Their connection with God will never be severed and I will write in their beings the character of my God, and they will be marked by me as citizens of the New Jerusalem which is coming down out of heaven from my God. I will also write my name upon their hearts and minds.¹³Those whose minds are open to truth will understand what the Spirit reveals to the churches.

What are the lessons for us today?

- God's plan of salvation is to heal and restore His character in human beings
- We either become a sanctuary for God and reveal His character of love or a sanctuary for Satan and reveal his character of selfishness



The prophetic application is from 1740 until 1844, the Great Awakening.

What do you think of the open and shut door metaphor?

Is it referring to a literal door made of matter, or a door of ideas, the path of truth, a door in our hearts and minds that we must choose to follow through?

From one of the founders of the SDA church:

I am still a believer in the shut-door theory, but not in the sense in which we at first employed the term or in which it is employed by my opponents. {1SM 63.2}

There was a shut door in Noah's day. There was at that time a withdrawal of the Spirit of God from the sinful race that perished in the waters of the Flood. God Himself gave the shut-door message to Noah: {1SM 63.3} [What kept them off the ark? They shut their hearts to the message of Noah. Their hearts were shut]

"My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years" (Genesis 6:3). {1SM 63.4}

There was a shut door in the days of Abraham. Mercy ceased to plead with the inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot, with his wife and two daughters, were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven. {1SM 63.5} [What caused the condition of things in Sodom? Their hearts were shut to the Spirit of God.]

There was a shut door in Christ's day. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation, "Your house is left unto you desolate" (Matthew 23:38). {1SM 63.6} [Who caused their house to be left like this? Their hearts and minds were shut to Jesus! Who shut the door to their hearts?]

Looking down the stream of time to the last days, the same infinite power proclaimed through John: {1SM 63.7}

"These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth" (Revelation 3:7). {1SM 63.8} [So what door do you think Revelation is referring to when it says a door opens and a door shuts? Is it not a door of understanding and some accept the light and move forward with Christ and some reject and the light of truth moves on without them.]

I was shown in vision, and I still believe, that there was a shut door in 1844. All who saw the light of the first and second angels' messages and rejected that light, were left in darkness. [they shut the door to their own hearts by rejecting truth] And those who accepted



it and received the Holy Spirit [the door was open to their hearts] which attended the proclamation of the message from heaven, and who afterward renounced their faith and pronounced their experience a delusion, **thereby rejected the Spirit of God, and it no longer pleaded with them.** {1SM 63.9} **[they closed the door to their hearts to God's Spirit]**

Those who did not see the light, had not the guilt of its rejection. It was only the class who had despised the light from heaven that the Spirit of God could not reach. [the doors of their heart were still open to truth having not decided to reject it] And this class included, as I have stated, both those who refused to accept the message when it was presented to them, and also those who, having received it, afterward renounced their faith. These might have a form of godliness, and profess to be followers of Christ; but having no living connection with God, **they would be taken captive by the delusions of Satan. [their minds become the synagogue of Satan, i.e. he sets himself up in God's temple...]** These two classes are brought to view in the vision--those who declared the light which they had followed a delusion, and the wicked of the world who, having rejected the light, had been rejected of God. No reference is made to those who had not seen the light, and therefore were not guilty of its rejection. {1SM 63.10}

So, what type of door do you think is referred to in Revelation? Is it not the door to our hearts and whether we are lovers of truth and willing to follow it where it leads?

And what is the truth of the Three Angel's? Is it not the truth of God's character of love and design law of love? This is the message God is working through Christ to free us from all the lies about Him and heal us to be able to live in His presence.

THURSDAY

Read Revelation 3:14-22 from *The Remedy*:

¹⁴"To the messenger to my children in the church in Laodicea, write:

This message is from Jesus—the consistent, reliable, faithful and true Witness—who is the origin of God's creation:¹⁵I know your choices. I know that you are neither on fire with love, nor do you appear cold with selfishness. I wish you were either on fire for my kingdom, or clearly opposed to it!¹⁶But because you are a lukewarm mix of cold hearts practicing selfish methods while appearing to be on fire for my kingdom, you misrepresent me and make me sick to my stomach. I am about to vomit you out.¹⁷You claim to be spiritually rich and full of heavenly treasure, thinking you have the truth and are in need of nothing, but you are so self-deceived that you don't realize you are devoid of my character of love. You are decrepit, pathetic, bereft of true godliness, with minds so closed that you can't even comprehend truth. You stand naked and exposed.¹⁸My prescription for you is to exchange your corrupt motives for the gold of godly love purified through fiery trials, so that you can be rich in what heaven values. Exchange your filthy, selfish characters for the perfect character of Christ—pure and white—so that you can cover the shame of your imperfection. And apply the salve of the Holy Spirit to



your minds, so that you can see and understand the reality of your own condition, and that of God's kingdom of love.

¹⁹"It is those whom I love that I diagnose and provide these therapeutic interventions, so take ownership of yourselves: turn away from destruction, and apply the Remedy.²⁰I am here now! I am standing at the door to your hearts, knocking with truth and love. If any hear my voice and open their hearts, I will come in and commune with them, and they with me.

²¹"Everyone who prevails by completing the treatment, and lives in harmony with my methods of love until the end, will sit enthroned with me—just as I overcame, and sit enthroned with my Father.²²Those whose minds are open to truth will understand what the Spirit reveals to the churches."

What is the message for us today?

- A form of godliness without heart change is nauseating
- God wants to heal our hearts and minds to be ready to stand in His presence

This prophetic time period is from 1844 until Christ returns.

What do the gold, eye salve and white garment symbolize?

How do we buy them from Jesus?

FRIDAY

read and discuss questions

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

February 2-3, 2019: Dr. Jennings will be speaking Christ's Church of Oronogo, MO.

February 22-March 9, 2019: Dr. Jennings will be in Australia speaking in Brisbane, Toowoomba, Adelaide, Avondale, Sydney, Livingston, Perth, and Melbourne.

April 3-6, 2019: Dr. Jennings will be speaking in Sophia Bulgaria.