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STUDY TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH. 2 TIMOTHY 2:15

## The Work of the Minister

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**Show to your hearers Jesus in his condescension** *The Review & Herald, September 11.*

What is the work of the minister of the gospel? It is to rightly divide the word of truth; not to invent a new gospel, but to rightly divide the gospel already committed to them. They cannot rely upon old sermons to present to their congregations; for these set discourses may not be appropriate to meet the occasion, or the wants of the people. There are subjects that are sadly neglected, that should be largely dwelt upon. The burden of our message should be the mission and life of Jesus Christ. Let there be a dwelling upon the humiliation, self-denial, meekness, and lowliness of Christ, that proud and selfish hearts may see the difference between themselves and the Pattern, and may be humbled. Show to your hearers Jesus in his condescension to save fallen man. Show them that He who was their surety had to take human nature, and carry it through the darkness and the fearfulness of the malediction of his Father, because of man's transgression of his law; for the Saviour was found in fashion as a man. Describe, if human language can, the humiliation of the Son of God, and think not that you have reached the climax, when you see him exchanging the throne of light and glory which he had with the Father, for humanity. He came forth from heaven to earth; and while on earth, he bore the curse of God as surety for the fallen race. He was not obliged to do this. He chose to bear the wrath of God, which man had incurred through disobedience to the divine law. He chose to endure the cruel mockings, the deridings, the scourging, and the crucifixion. "And being made in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death;" but the manner of his death was an astonishment to the universe; for it was even the death of the cross. Christ was not insensible to ignominy and disgrace. He felt it all most bitterly. He felt it as much more deeply and acutely than we can feel suffering, as his nature was more exalted, and pure, and holy than that of the sinful race for whom he suffered. He was the majesty of heaven, he was equal with the Father, he was the commander of the hosts of angels, yet he died for man the death that was, above all others, clothed with ignominy and reproach. O that the haughty hearts of men might realize this! O that they might enter into the meaning of redemption, and seek to learn the meekness and lowliness of Jesus!

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Coupled with the prophetic message, **Future for America** emphasizes all aspects of the medical missionary work. The "entering wedge"—medical missionary work—must be practiced by those who are to finish God's work in these final hours.

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# GOD'S HEIRLOOM SEED OR SATAN'S HYBRID SEED

By: Tamina Blaesing

Some of us recently had the opportunity to visit Baker Creek Farm in Mansfield, Missouri. This farm, owned by a Seventh-day Adventist, is one of the largest heirloom seed distributors in the United States. They have the largest selection of non-GMO seeds with over 1800 varieties of flowers, vegetables and herbs from 75 countries. Baker Creek Farm carries one of the largest selections of seeds from the 19th century, including many Asian and European varieties.

What is an heirloom seed? Heirlooms trace their ancestry back many years to a time when pesticides and herbicides were not in use. As Jere Gettle, the owner of Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Co. puts it, "Basically, an Heirloom seed is one that has been passed down through families and is usually considered to be over 50 years old. Some varieties even date back to Thomas Jefferson's garden and beyond." Unlike hybrids or GMO's which often have problems reproducing to the parent strain, Heirloom seeds can be saved and replanted, ensuring a trustworthy supply of food year after year.

We know that we are called to be students of prophecy. We also know that we are called to practice country living, and having a garden is a major part of country living. Therefore, the quality of the seeds we plant in our garden is crucial, and we must educate ourselves as to what kind of seeds we want to use—heirloom or hybrid.

For a hobby gardener, often it is easier to buy a hybrid seed, plant it and enjoy the crop of that year. If the seeds are saved for next year, you will have an unstable strain with different characteristics. For example, the plant will most likely produce not only smaller, but fewer fruit. The crop will not have its original good taste and the plant will produce a lot of leaf growth. Why is that? Because the seeds purchased for convenience were no longer pure. They were hybrids. This is one of the disadvantages in using hybrid seeds, as you can only

use those seeds once, maybe twice. Then each year you buy new seeds, making yourself dependent upon the seed company. As gardeners, we want heirloom seeds that are living and will produce kind after kind, year after year.

This trip taught me a spiritual object lesson. We read in the Bible that first comes the natural, followed by the spiritual. (1 Corinthians 10:46) As gardeners we want pure seeds for planting, this represents the natural or the literal application. This theme of pure seed has a spiritual application. What is the seed in the Bible? Is it not the word of God? It is essential for our spiritual life to have the right kind of seed. We have to allow God to plant the right messages in our heart, otherwise Satan will plant his message in our hearts. Then at the harvest, when it is too late, we will recognize that we had let tares of error grow in our hearts, instead of the good wheat of truth.

We are familiar with the parable in Matthew 13 of the sower which goeth forth to sow the good seed. Some fall on the way, some amongst the thorns, some on stony ground and some on good ground. We also read in the parable that during the night an enemy came and sowed tares. God's word is the pure seed which is being sowed. God's word are the messages from the Bible. You could call God's word the heirloom seed. It is pure in its line, it is living, it produces kind after kind, it is dependable, it is not of man.

What are hybrid seeds in the spiritual application? The hybrids are messages which contain truth, but are mingled with error. These seeds or messages are no longer pure, they represent the weeds/ tares which were sown by the enemy. I have observed a principle from gardening—if I sow good seed, and allow weeds to grow, there is a cross pollination and the result is a hybrid. This is the way of Satan. He cross pollinates his 5% error with 100% truth. This results in a hybrid message that is no longer pure. Proving that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. (Galatians 5:9)

How does this affect me? I must be watchful in my spiritual life as to what kind of seed is being planted in the garden of my heart. Is it an heirloom seed that will produce fruit year after year; or is it a hybrid seed that



appears to bear good fruit, but over time produces less and less, until it dies.

Brothers and sisters, it is especially important, now that we are at the end of the world, to know what is the true and pure heirloom message of God's word. There is only one truth. God is in the details. He does not ignore the little things, they are important. It matters to God what we believe in the details of the Bible. Satan wants us to think that it does not really matter what we believe in the little things of God's word. We must study our Bible and be familiar with it. Studying the Bible line upon line is the heirloom seed which, through the grace of God, produces abundant fruit in us.

May we all strive that our heart, as the good ground, receives God's good seed and brings forth much fruit. Let us be vigilant. Let us keep ourselves from error. Let us work to preserve the sacred truth in us. Let us reject hybrid seed, lest we are found amongst the tares when the harvest comes.

“The germination of the seed represents the beginning of spiritual life, and the development of the plant is a figure of the development of character. There can be no life without growth. The plant must either grow or die. As its growth is silent and imperceptible, but continuous, so is the growth of character. At every stage of development our life may be perfect; yet if God's purpose for us is fulfilled, there will be constant advancement.”  
*God's Amazing Grace*, 197.

## ABRAHAM'S LIE AND THE SHOULDERS OF THE PHILISTINES

By N. Nyoni

### Introduction

The Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy foretell such a state of religious declension in God's church as will result in the formation of the image of the beast; first in the United States, then in the rest of the world (see *The Great Controversy*, 443; *Testimonies for the Church*, volume 6, 18, 395). The image

of the beast is defined by inspiration as the union of the church with the civil government. But in order for this arrangement to meet the complete definition of the image of the beast, the church must be in such control of the civil power as to lead to the enforcement of her religious dogmas and the persecution and punishment of dissenters from her doctrines (see *The Great Controversy*, 445). God's Seventh-day Adventist church is approaching the state of ungodliness marked in prophecy; and this will be followed by the intolerance and religious oppression which characterized the early centuries of the Christian Era. This is near the point of realization. But God will preserve and deliver his faithful people. The Genesis 20 account of Abraham and Sarah's encounter with Abimelech, king of the Philistines, brings to view the foregoing truths.

### Abraham's Sojourn — The Tarrying Time of the Ten Virgins

And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.  
Genesis 20:1.

Abraham journeyed to Gerar and there made his temporal abode. “Gerar” means “lodging place;” and his sojourn in Gerar therefore typifies the tarrying time of the virgins of Adventism—the period when the virgins lodge in anticipation of the coming of the Bridegroom. That Gerar was located “between Kadesh and Shur” also has deep prophetic significance. “Kadesh” means “holy” or “sanctuary” and “Shur” means “wall.” And these two locations are symbolic of some of the major way-marks which characterize the end-time prophetic narrative. The former location points to the way-mark of September 11, 2001 when Christ began the closing work of the blotting out of sins in His holy sanctuary. This is also the time when the erection of the spiritual sanctuary of God's people took place based on the symbolism of Ezra 7:9's first day of the first month (1D1M). It was on the 1D1M that the tabernacle/sanctuary was reared up (see Exodus 40:1, 2, 17), and the 1D1M is a symbol of 9/11. The latter location points to the



way-mark of the Sunday law, when the wall of the Sabbath will come under special attack, but will also be restored and defended by God's faithful people:

“But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.’ I saw that the holy Sabbath is, and will be, the separating wall between the true Israel of God and unbelievers; and that the Sabbath is the great question to unite the hearts of God’s dear, waiting saints.” *Early Writings*, 33.

“In the time of the end every divine institution is to be restored. The breach made in the law at the time the Sabbath was changed by man, is to be repaired. God’s remnant people, standing before the world as reformers, are to show that the law of God is the foundation of all enduring reform and that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is to stand as a memorial of creation, a constant reminder of the power of God.” *Prophets and Kings*, 678.

This places Abraham’s lodging place (Gerar) between 9/11 (Kadesh) and the Sunday law (Shur). This is the tarrying time of the ten virgins. And it is within this history that the transactions recorded in Genesis 20 take place. During his sojourn in Gerar, Abraham was confronted with a situation similar to that which confronted him in Egypt. As in his Egyptian sojourn, he reasoned that this scenario could potentially bring his soul face to face with death. Under such intense pressure for self-preservation, Abraham told a lie to which Sarah his wife consented. This prevarication deceived Abimelech, king of the Philistines, and led him to take another man’s wife in hope of securing her to himself. This unlawful union would result in the defilement of Sarah, and the imperilment of God’s covenant promise to Abraham. At the end of the world, similar scenes will be played out. This is represented as follows.

### **Abraham’s Lie — Midnight Delusion**

And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. Genesis 20:2.

Abraham’s lie, to which Sarah consented, represents the “specious reasoning” of Satan which will lead many Adventists to consent to the union of the church with the state, and to the acceptance of national laws and decrees which make the law of God void and exalt the spurious sabbath:

“It is difficult to hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end; and the difficulty increases when there are hidden influences constantly at work to bring in another spirit, a counter working element, on Satan’s side of the question. In the absence of persecution, there have drifted into our ranks some who appear sound, and their Christianity unquestionable, but who, if persecution should arise, would go out from us. In the crisis, they would see force in specious reasoning that has had an influence on their minds. Satan has prepared various snares to meet varied minds. When the law of God is made void, the church will be sifted by fiery trials, and a larger proportion than we now anticipate, will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Instead of being strengthened when brought into strait places, many prove that they are not living branches of the True Vine; they bore no fruit, and the husbandman taketh them away.” *General Conference Daily Bulletin*, April 13, 1891.

The pen of inspiration speaks of a crisis which is to bring the souls of Seventh-day Adventists face to face with death. And she describes this crisis in the language of the parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25, and refers to it as the “midnight” of that parable:

“It is in a crisis that character is revealed. When the earnest voice proclaimed at midnight, ‘Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,’ and the sleeping virgins were roused from their slumbers, it was seen who had made preparation for the event. Both parties were taken unawares; but one was prepared for the emergency, and the other was found without preparation. So now, a sudden and unlooked-for calamity, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God. It will show whether the soul is sustained by grace. The great final



test comes at the close of human probation, when it will be too late for the soul's need to be supplied." Christ Object Lessons, 412.

Sister White must be consistent with herself, therefore, we conclude that the crisis in which many in Adventism will "see force in specious reasoning that has had influence on their minds" is the crisis "at midnight." It is in this crisis that Sarah's consent to Abraham's lie will be repeated. "A larger proportion than we now anticipate, will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." Paul describes this as the "falling away first" which will be a direct result of the "strong delusion" (the various snares for various minds) that is to be received by those who have not "received the love of the truth." And the apostle says they will "believe a lie"—the lie of Abraham. At midnight, Seventh-day Adventism will be confronted with such a crisis as will compel her to seek refuge under the shadow of the state power, and to consider accepting the laws which will make void the law of God. But the Lord will not be silent; it will be time for Him to work (see Psalm 119:126). In the crisis hour of Genesis 20, the aforementioned point is made plain:

But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife. But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation? Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this. And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her. Genesis 20:3–7.

"God came to Abimelech in a dream by night" with a troubling message announcing his death and that of his nation because of a corrupt marriage relationship/unlawful union with Sarah. This is prefiguring the tidings which are to trouble the

kings of the earth at midnight, partly because of the unlawful union they will have forged with the woman of the covenant—the Seventh-day Adventist church. Abimelech was heretofore oblivious to the true condition of things, and this is consistent with the theme of Bible prophecy which identifies that the civil power is always deceived. Abimelech was about to defile Sarah, but "he knew not the thoughts of the Lord." The Lord withheld him or restrained him from accomplishing his work; for this was going to jeopardize the fulfillment of God's "thoughts" and "counsel" to make Abraham the father of many nations.

As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. Genesis 17:4–6.

In like manner, the Lord will intervene in this midnight crisis. The kings of the earth will seek to defile the Seventh-day Adventist church by drawing her into a forbidden union; and it will seem as though they are about to witness the downfall of the only remaining true Protestant church on the earth (in theory). But the word of God clearly states that it will not fall. It will remain, while the sinners in Zion are sifted out (see Manuscript Releases, volume 12, 324). The foregoing truth is best described in the following words of Micah the prophet:

Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion. But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor. Micah 4:11, 12

The Lord will deliver his true people in the crisis that they may accomplish His "thoughts" and "counsel" to bring about the greatest ingathering of souls in 6,000 years, and simultaneously cause the progressive destruction of the system of Babylon when the Sunday



law crisis arrives. But His apostate people will be faced with judgment for presuming to dally with the issue of the day of worship. The very powers that they will enter into agreement with will sever that agreement and turn against them. And their structure will be swept away by the overflowing scourge of the Sunday law (see Isaiah 28:14–18). But while the apostates are coming into bondage under the system of modern Babylon, God's true people will be restored and set up as His recognized covenant keeping people. This is represented in the following verses.

### **Church Triumphant & the Spirit of Prophecy**

Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine. Genesis 20:7

A fearful message was here delivered to Abimelech. A failure on his part to ensure the restoration of the approved marriage relationship of Sarah and Abraham would result in the destruction of himself and all his household. The institution of marriage is to be restored at the midnight cry when the church triumphant is to demonstrate its union with Christ in its holy character. Therefore, the message to Abimelech which came before the restoration brings to view the fact that there is to be a fearful message at midnight concerning approaching destruction to the United States and the world for supporting the unlawful union of church and state. The message to “restore the man his wife” will at least in part be addressing the fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, and rebuking that arrangement. And that Abraham “is a prophet” is denoting the truth that in the midnight to the midnight cry period, God will have a people with a clear and accurate prophetic message. But it could also be referring to fact that in the same period, the Spirit of prophecy will be restored to the church triumphant.

Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore

afraid. Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done. And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing? And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake. And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife. And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother. Genesis 20:8–13.

The morning can be defined as the earliest part of the day, when the sun begins to rise. This can represent the midnight cry which is to be the point when Sunday laws begin to be passed into effect in the United States. At this point, the tidings of the night reached the ears of Abimelech's servants and caused them great fear. In like manner, the message of God's faithful servants (the midnight cry) is to reach the ears of the Gentiles and cause the minds of that people to be called to God's downtrodden law. This will elicit from them earnest inquiries as is represented by Abimelech's questions to Abraham. And as Abraham clarified the issues concerning his lawful marriage relationship with Sarah, so will faithful Seventh-day Adventists clarify the issues involved in the great controversy to the Gentiles during the midnight cry—image of the beast testing time. Abraham's clarification induced Abimelech to bring an offering to the patriarch:

And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife. And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee. And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given



thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was reproved. Genesis 20:14–16.

Similarly, the message of the wise virgins of Adventism will move the Gentiles to consecrate their means (sheep and oxen, land and a thousand pieces of silver) and themselves (menservants and womenservants) to finishing the work of the gospel. It is an established fact that the Gentiles give an offering at the Sunday law, but prophecy also seems to show that they also give an offering at the midnight cry. An example is the spoil of the Egyptians just in advance of the Passover, which event can typify the Sunday law (see Exodus 11 & 12). Another example is the spoil of the Shechemites which Simeon and Levi obtained in advance of the Canaanite nations gathering together against Jacob<sup>3</sup>. This seems to bring to view that while the Gentiles officially take their stand with the church triumphant at the Sunday law, the process of uniting them with Adventism begins at the midnight cry. The Gentiles begin coming under the influence of the wise virgins in the history of the midnight cry; then they will make their final decision at the Sunday law. This is the joining of the two sticks of Ezekiel 37. Abraham received support from the Philistines, and this typifies the wise virgins receiving support from the Gentiles at the end of the world to complete the work; a support which is referred to by the prophet Isaiah as flying “upon the shoulders of the Philistines.”

But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them. Isaiah 11:14.

“Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon” who obey the outcasts of Israel are the Gentiles who are typified by the “manservants, and womenservants” who were given into the hand of Abraham. It is illustrating how the righteous non-Adventists will come into subjection and obedience to the message of faithful Seventh-day Adventists, beginning at the midnight cry, and consummating at the Sunday law.

And this will bring spiritual healing and restoration to the Gentiles as represented in the following words:

So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children. For the Lord had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham’s wife. Genesis 20:17, 18.

God “fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah Abraham’s wife.” Similarly, it is not until the church triumphant is established and the Gentiles submit themselves to this church’s God given authority and message that the curse will be lifted, and they will be fruitful and multiply the seed which is to unite with the church triumphant at the Sunday law.

### **Closing Remarks**

“But the days of purification of the church are hastening on apace. God will have a people pure and true. In the mighty sifting soon to take place we shall be better able to measure the strength of Israel. The signs reveal that the time is near when the Lord will manifest that His fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor.” Testimonies for the Church, volume 5, 79.

Based upon God’s prophetic word, the Seventh-day Adventist church is about to reach a strange pass. The state of our churches, and the escalating animosity against the prophetic message and its advocates is evidence of this fact, and points to the reality that “the days of the purification of the church are hastening on apace.” A “mighty sifting” is to take place in the history of midnight and the midnight cry, and only those who have kept up with the light and conformed their lives to the standard will make up the church triumphant that is to be restored at the midnight cry. This class will be privileged in participating in bringing Abraham’s covenant promise to its complete fulfillment. The rest will be purged out and others will fill their places and take their crowns.