



7 Attacks Against the Truth: A Bible Study

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32)



And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

— Revelation 12:9 (KJV)

What Time Is It??

- 2 Timothy 4:3,4
- The apostle Paul declared, looking down to the last days: “The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.” 2 Timothy 4:3. **That time has fully come**. The multitudes do not want Bible truth, because it interferes with the desires of the sinful, world-loving heart; and Satan supplies the deceptions which they love. {GC 594.2}



How should we respond to errors??

- Ephesians 4:14,15
- 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:



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- Ezekiel 3:17-19
- Isaiah 58:1
- Revelation 3:19



Best Way to Expose Error

- People cannot be expected to see at once the advantage of the truth over the error they have cherished. The best way to expose the fallacy of error is to present the evidences of truth. *This is the greatest rebuke that can be given to error.* Dispel the cloud of darkness resting on minds by reflecting the bright light of the Sun of Righteousness. {20MR 127.3}



1.) Trusting Own Works for Salvation

- Ephesians 2:8,9
- Philippians 2:13

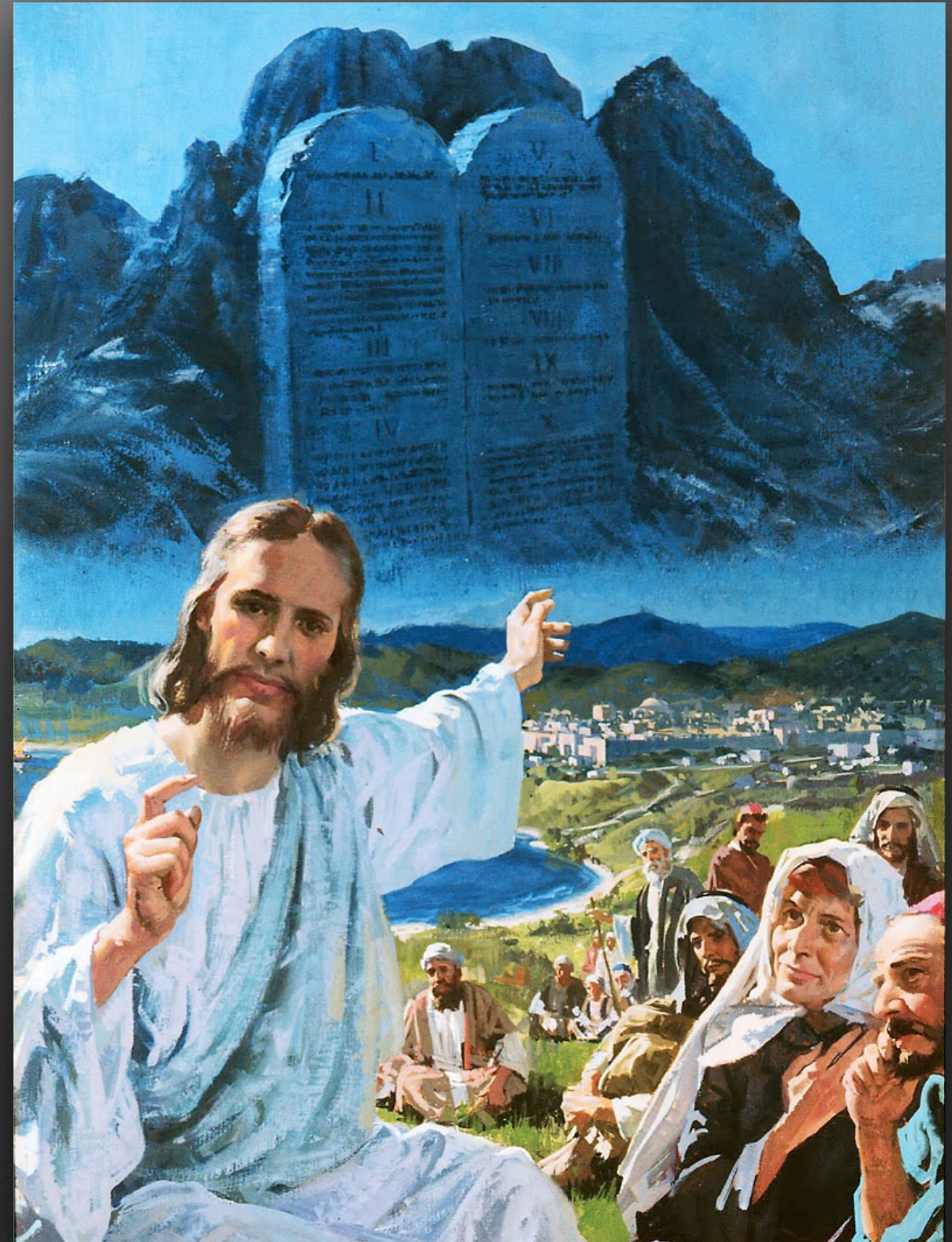


Do Not Attempt.

- There are two errors against which the children of God — particularly those who have just come to trust in His grace — especially need to guard. The first, already dwelt upon, is that of looking to their own works, trusting to anything they can do, to bring themselves into harmony with God. He who is trying to become holy by his own works in keeping the law, is attempting an impossibility. All that man can do without Christ is polluted with selfishness and sin. It is the grace of Christ alone, through faith, that can make us holy.
{SC 59.4}

2.) Belief that it is unnecessary to keep God's law

- 1 John 2:3,4
- John 14:15
- The opposite and no less dangerous error is that belief in Christ releases men from keeping the law of God; that since by faith alone we become partakers of the grace of Christ, our works have nothing to do with our redemption. {SC 60.1}
- Obedience—the service and allegiance of love—is the true sign of discipleship. {SC 60.2}



3.) Belief that only Sincerity Matters

- Proverbs 14:12
- 2 Thessalonians 2:10
- Matthew 7:21-23



Spiritual Poison

- Many are led to think that they are on the road to Heaven, because they profess to believe in Christ, while they reject the law of God. But they will find at last that they were on the way to perdition, instead of Heaven. Spiritual poison is sugar-coated with the doctrine of sanctification, and administered to the people. Thousands eagerly swallow it, feeling that if they are only honest in their belief they will be safe. *But sincerity will not convert error to truth.* A man may swallow poison, thinking it is food; but his sincerity will not save him from the effects of the dose. {RH March 8, 1881, par. 13}

4.) Belief in Salvation by Feelings

- Hebrews 11:6
- Jeremiah 17:9
- 2 Corinthians 5:7



Danger of being governed by impulse/feelings

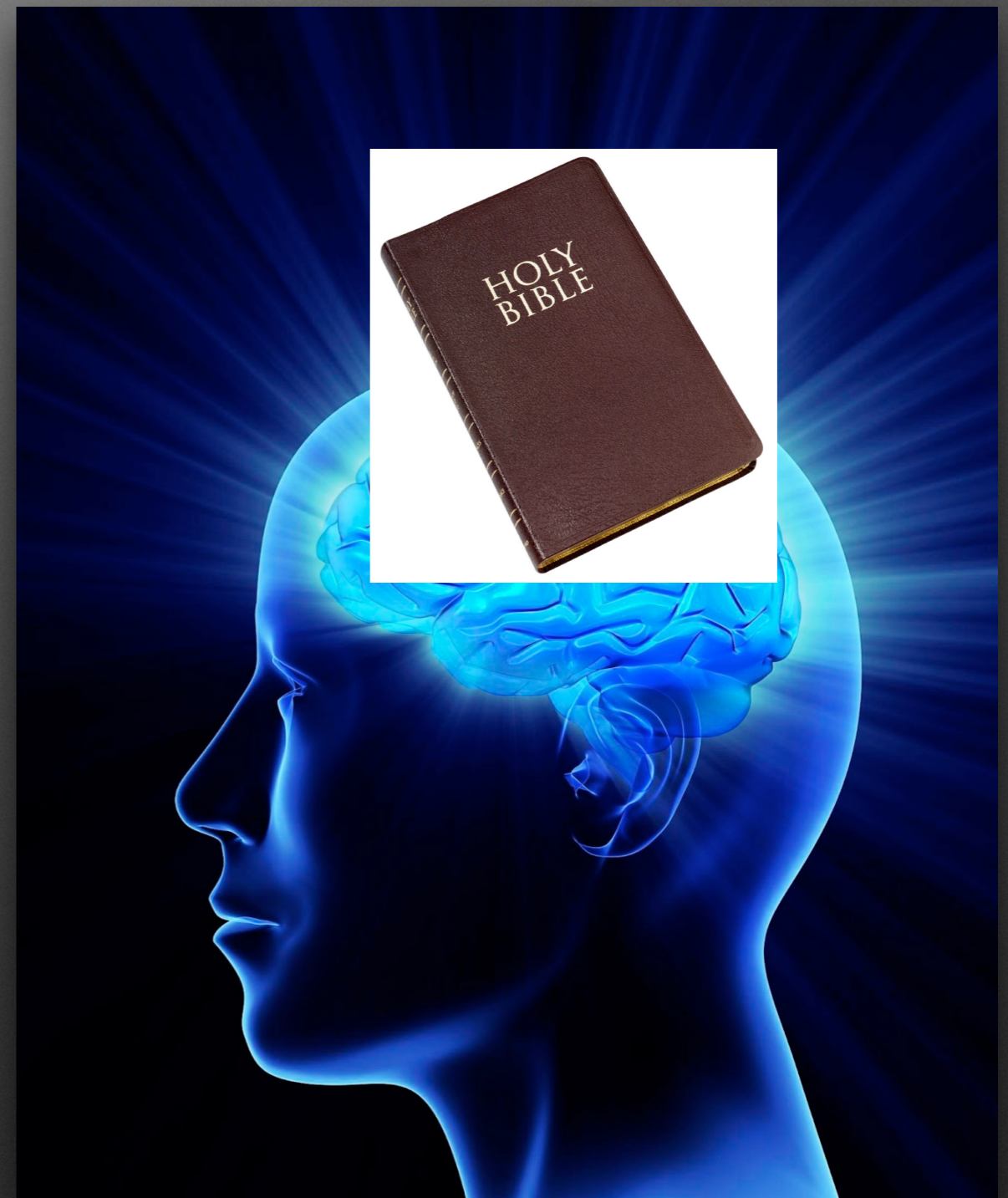
- Others fall into a more dangerous error. They are governed by impulse. Their sympathies are stirred, and they regard this flight of feeling as an evidence that they are accepted by God and are converted. But the principles of their life are not changed. The evidences of a genuine work of grace on the heart are to be found not in feeling, but in the life. “By their fruits,” Christ declared, “ye shall know them.” {Ev 286.4}
- Many precious souls, desiring earnestly to be Christians, are yet stumbling in darkness, waiting for their feelings to be powerfully exercised. They look for a special change to take place in their feelings. They expect some irresistible force, over which they have no control, to overpower them. They overlook the fact that the believer in Christ is to work out his salvation with fear and trembling. {Ev 287.1}

Faith is *Not* Feeling

- An impulse, *an emotional exercise*, is not faith or sanctification. Sanctification is the doing of all the commandments of God. {ST March 24, 1890, par. 3}
- Remember that faith is not feeling. We are inclined to measure our religious attainments by our emotions; but feeling is no criterion by which to judge. {ST March 24, 1890, par. 7}

Thoughts + Feelings = Character

- Even your thoughts must be brought into subjection to the will of God *and your feelings under the control of reason and religion.* Your imagination was not given you to be allowed to run riot and have its own way without any effort at restraint or discipline. If the thoughts are wrong the feelings will be wrong, and the thoughts and feelings combined make up the moral character. {5T 310.1}



5.) Belittling/Ignoring the Spirit of Prophecy

- Revelation 12:17
- Acts 2:17,18
- 1 Corinthians 14:22



The Last Deception

- Satan is ... constantly pressing in the spurious—to lead away from the truth. The very last deception of Satan will be to make of none effect the testimony of the Spirit of God. “Where there is no vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18). Satan will work ingeniously, in different ways and through different agencies, to unsettle the confidence of God’s remnant people in the true testimony.—Letter 12, 1890. {1SM 48.3}
- 2 Peter 1:19

6.) Separating Jesus from Doctrine/Teachings

- John 14:23-26
- Matthew 28:19,20



Did Jesus Teach all the Commandments? (Matt. 5:17)

- 1st Commandment: Matthew 4:10
- 2nd Commandment: John 4:24
- 3rd Commandment: Matthew 15:18,19
- 4th Commandment: Luke 4:16; Luke 6:5
- 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th Commandments: Matt. 19:18,19
- 10th Commandment: Matthew 22:39

Did Jesus Teach *all* 28 Fundamental Beliefs?

- 1.) [Holy Scriptures](#): Matthew 4:4
- 2.) [Trinity](#): Matthew 28:19
- 3.) [Father](#): Matthew 23:9
- 4.) [Son](#): John 14:6
- 5.) [Holy Spirit](#): John 16:13
- 6.) [Creation](#): Mark 10:5,6
- 7.) [Nature of Man](#): Luke 5:32; 19:10
- 8.) [Great Controversy](#): John 12:31; Luke 10:18
- 9.) [Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ](#): John 2:19; 3:16; 11:25
- 10.) [Experience of Salvation](#): Mark 16:16; John 3:16
- 11.) [Growing in Christ](#): Matthew 11:28-30
- 12.) [Church](#): Matthew 16:18,19
- 13.) [Remnant and Its Mission](#): Matthew 7:14; 24:14
- 14.) [Unity in the Body of Christ](#): John 17:20-23
- 15.) [Baptism](#): Matthew 28:19,20
- 16.) [Lord's Supper](#): Matthew 26:27-30
- 17.) [Spiritual Gifts and Ministries](#): Acts 1:8
- 18.) [The Gift of Prophecy](#): Matthew 7:15-20; 24:15
- 19.) [The Law of God](#): Matthew 5:17-20
- 20.) [Sabbath](#): Matthew 12:1-12
- 21.) [Stewardship](#): Matthew 23:23
- 22.) [Christian Behavior](#): Matthew 5-7; Luke 6:40
- 23.) [Marriage and the Family](#): Mark 10:5-9
- 24.) [Christ's Ministry in Heavenly Sanctuary](#): Matthew 22:1-14
- 25.) [Second Coming of Christ](#): John 14:3
- 26.) [Death and Resurrection](#): John 5:28,29; 11:11-14
- 27.) [Millennium and the End of Sin](#): Matthew 13:47-50; 25:31-46; Luke 12:47,48
- 28.) [New Earth](#): Matthew 5:5

“Jesus IS the Doctrine”

- “Christ was a Seventh-day Adventist, to all intents and purposes.”
{MM 49.4}



7.) Worldliness in our Worship; our Entertainment; our Lifestyles

- Romans 12:2
- James 4:4
- 1 John 2:15
- John 4:24
- 2 Corinthians 6:17
- Revelation 18:2,4
- 1 Peter 2:9



A Decided Stand on the Side of Truth!

- Those who depart from the plain precepts of God, will support error, and be ranged against the soldiers of Christ. They will make manifest who is their leader by the course they will pursue in opposing the truth of God, and in enforcing error on the conscience by oppressive measures. It is now time to take a decided stand on the side of truth; and as God has given to every one his measure of influence, he should exert it to the glory of God and for the good of his associates. Not one of the faithful stewards of Christ will be idle in such a time as this, or will be content to live simply for self. Those who are in communion with Christ will realize that there are souls on every side who may be benefited by their help, example, and influence. They will realize that they may be agents through whom Jesus will work to save those for whom he died. This should be the experience of all who profess to believe the third angel's message. Young and old should have a rich, joyful, abundant experience in the religion of Christ in order that they may direct their conduct and conversation aright, in order that they may become laborers together with God for the salvation of the lost. {YI June 29, 1893, par. 2}