



# **Why the Health Message? Why Now?**

## **Medical/Health Evangelism in the Bible & Spirit of Prophecy**

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## Revelation 3:14-22 NKJV

“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write....“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

## Rev. 3:14-22 (cont.)

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. v.21 **To him who overcomes** I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches”..

We are nearing the close of this earth's history, when **two parties alone can exist**, and every man, woman, and child will be in one of these armies. Jesus will be the General of one army; of the opposing army, Satan will be the leader. All who are breaking, and teaching others to break, the law of God, the foundation of his government in heaven and in earth, are marshaled under one superior chief, who directs them in opposition to the government of God. And "the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation" (Jude 6) are rebels against the law of God, and enemies to all who love and obey his commandments. These subjects, with Satan their leader, will gather others into their ranks through every possible means, to strengthen his forces and urge his claims..

3SM 422.5



In a special sense **Seventh-day Adventists** have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers. **To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world.** On them is shining wonderful light from the word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import—**the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention..**

9T 19.1

Through his deception and delusion, Satan would, if possible, deceive **the very elect**. His is no minor deception. He will seek to annoy, to harass, to falsify, to accuse, and misrepresent all whom he cannot compel to give him honor and help him in his work. **His great success lies in [#1] keeping men's minds confused, and [#2] ignorant of his devices,** for then he can lead the unwary as it were, blindfolded..

3SM 423.1

## Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God..



Ezekiel 16:49-50 NKJV

Look, **this was the iniquity** of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had **pride, fullness of food**, and abundance of **idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy**. And they were haughty and committed abomination before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw fit..

## Proverbs 30:7-9 NKJV

Two things I request of You (Deprive me not before I die): Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches— Feed me with the food allotted to me; **Lest I be full and deny You, And say, Who is the Lord ?”** Or lest I be poor and steal, And profane the name of my God.

## Philippians 3:18,19 NKJV

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, **whose god is their belly**, and whose glory is in their shame— who set their mind on earthly things..

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Romans 7:25 KJV

I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then **with the mind I myself serve the law of God**; but with the flesh the law of sin..

## Desire of Ages, p 101

The appetites and passions must be held in subjection to the higher powers of the mind. This self-discipline is essential to that **mental strength and spiritual insight** which will enable us to understand and to practice the sacred truths of God's word. **For this reason temperance finds its place in the work of preparation for Christ's second coming..**

Education, p 195

Since the mind and the soul find expression through the body, both mental and spiritual vigor are in great degree dependent upon physical strength and activity; **whatever promotes physical health, promotes the development of a strong mind and a well-balanced character. Without health no one can as distinctly understand or as completely fulfill his obligations to himself, to his fellow beings, or to his Creator.** Therefore the health should be as faithfully guarded as the character. A knowledge of physiology and hygiene should be the basis of all educational effort.

Satan wants to control our minds through our bodies;  
Jesus longs to control our bodies through our minds.  
– Mark Finley



**True religion and the laws of health go hand in hand.** It is **IMPOSSIBLE** to work for the salvation of men and women without presenting to them the need of breaking away from sinful gratifications, which destroy the health, debase the soul, and prevent divine truth from impressing the mind. Men and women must be taught to take a careful review of **every habit** and **every practice**, and at once put away those things that cause an unhealthy condition of the body, and thus cast a dark shadow over **the mind..**

-Counsels on Health, 445. CME 31.4

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Those who act as teachers are to be intelligent in regard to disease and its causes, understanding that every action of the human agent should be in perfect harmony with the laws of life. **The light God has given on health reform is for our salvation and the salvation of the world.** CME 32

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As a people we have been given the work of making known the principles of health reform. **There are some who think that the question of diet is not of sufficient importance to be included in their evangelistic work. But such make a great mistake.** God's word declares: Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31. The subject of temperance, in all its bearings, has an important place in the work of salvation..

9T 112

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When you make the people intelligent concerning the principles of health reform you do much to prepare the way for the introduction of present truth. Said my Guide, **Educate, educate, educate.**” The mind must be enlightened, for the understanding of the people is darkened. Satan can find access to the soul through perverted appetite, to debase and destroy it..

—Letter 1, 1875. Evangelism 515

**Christ's method alone** will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, Follow Me.”

MH143

(cont.) There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and the bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, the inexperienced counseled. We are to weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, **this work will not, cannot, be without fruit..**

—The Ministry of Healing, 143, 144. GW 363.3

He has pointed out the work devolving on **every church-member**. He declares that the church-members are faithfully to do their duty to those within their own borders. They are generously to support their own poor.....

**He is the greatest medical missionary who ever blessed the world.** He gave His disciples practical lessons, **teaching them HOW to work in such a way that souls would be made glad in the truth.**



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It is only by an **UNSELFISH INTEREST** in those in need of help that we can give a practical demonstration of the truths of the gospel.....

God calls for thousands to work for Him, not by preaching to those who know the truth, going over and over the same ground, but by warning those **WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD** the last message of mercy.

The Lord will give you success in this work; for **the GOSPEL is the POWER of God** unto salvation **WHEN** it is interwoven with the **practical life**, **WHEN** it is lived and practiced. The union of **Christlike work for THE BODY \*\*AND\*\* Christlike work for THE SOUL** is the true interpretation of the gospel..

RH, March 4, 1902

## WHAT WE'VE LEARNED:

1. The Three Angels' Message which carries the everlasting gospel is incomplete without the health message.
2. We, and the world, need God's Law of Health to better serve and worship God and to keep His moral Law with our minds (by our choices).
3. Following ALL of God's Laws...including the laws of health....is the only way to true peace, true happiness, and less suffering. This interest by God in our well-being and its results, if followed, shows, almost immediately, God's love for man in a real tangible way....peace that passeth understanding and good health and less suffering.
4. The health message demonstrates the POWER of the gospel!..

**It is as truly a sin to violate the laws of our being as it is to break the ten commandments.** To do either is to break God's laws. Those who transgress the law of God in their physical organism, will be inclined to violate the law of God spoken from Sinai. CD 17.3

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Our Saviour warned His disciples that **just prior to His second coming** a state of things would exist very similar to that which preceded the flood. Eating and drinking would be carried to excess, and the world would be given up to pleasure. **This state of things DOES exist at the present time.**

CD 17.4

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**To keep the body in a healthy condition**, in order that all parts of the living machinery may act harmoniously, **should be a study of our life**. The children of God cannot glorify Him with sickly bodies or dwarfed minds. Those who indulge in any species of intemperance, either in eating or drinking, waste their physical energies and weaken moral power. (1890) CD 18.1

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Since the laws of nature are the laws of God, it is plainly our duty to give these laws careful study. We should study their requirements in regard to our own bodies, and conform to them. **Ignorance in these things is sin..**

CD 18.2

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1 Samuel 15:22, 23

“Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice.....and **stubbornness** is as iniquity and idolatry”..

John 12:32

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me..

## Hebrews 4:15 KJV

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; **but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.**

## Philippians 2:5-8 KJV

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and **became obedient unto death**, even the death of the cross..

## Hebrews 2:9 KJV

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he **by the grace of God** should taste death for every man..

## Hebrews 2:16-18 KJV

For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make **RECONCILIATION** for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to **SUCCOUR them** that are tempted..

## 2 Cor. 5:17-21 NKJV

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now **all things** are of God, who has **reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ**, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, .....we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him..

Ezekiel 36:26,27

**I will give** you a new heart and **put** a new spirit within you; **I will take** the heart of stone out of your flesh and **give** you a heart of flesh. **I will put** My Spirit within you and **cause** you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgements and do them..



Christ was suffering the keenest pangs of hunger, and this temptation was a severe one. **But he must begin the work of redemption just where the ruin began.** Adam had failed on the point of appetite, and Christ must conquer here. **The power that rested upon Him came DIRECTLY from the Father, and he must not exercise it in his own behalf.** With that long fast there was woven into his experience a STRENGTH and POWER that GOD ALONE could give. He met and resisted the enemy in the strength of a Thus saith the Lord.” “Man shall not live by bread alone,” he said, “but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Verse 4). 3SM 128.4

(cont.) **This STRENGTH it is the privilege of ALL the tempted ones of earth to have. Christ's experience is for our benefit. His example in overcoming appetite points out THE WAY for those to overcome who would be his followers..**

3SM 128.5

The right hand is used **to open doors** through which the body may find entrance. **This is the part the medical missionary work is to act.** It is to largely **prepare the way for the reception of the TRUTH FOR THIS TIME..** MM 238

**Medical missionary work is the right hand of the gospel.** It is necessary to the advancement of the cause of God. **As through it** men and women are led to see the importance of right habits of living, **the saving POWER of the truth will be made known.** Every city is to be entered by workers trained to do medical missionary work.. 7T 59

Medical missionary work brings to humanity **the gospel of release from suffering. It is the pioneer work of the gospel.** It is the gospel practiced, the compassion of Christ revealed. Of this work there is great need, and the world is open for it. **God grant that the importance of medical missionary work shall be understood,** and that new fields may be immediately entered. **Then will the work of the ministry be after the Lord's order;** the sick will be healed, and poor, suffering humanity will be blessed.

MM 239

Christ is no longer in this world in person, to go through our cities and towns and villages, healing the sick; but He has commissioned **US** to carry forward the medical missionary work that He began.

9T 16

Medical missionary work is **IN NO CASE** to be divorced from the gospel ministry. The Lord has specified that the two shall be as closely connected as the arm is with the body. **Without this union neither part of the work is complete..** CH 524

My brethren, the Lord calls for unity, for oneness. We are to be one in the faith. **I want to tell you that when the gospel ministers and the medical missionary workers are not united, there is placed on our churches the worst evil that can be placed there.** Our medical missionaries ought to be interested in the work of our conferences, and our conference workers ought to be as much interested in the work of our medical missionaries..

— Manuscript 46, 1904. MM 241.1



In our Lord's great scene of conflict in the wilderness, apparently under the power of Satan and his angels, was he capable, in his human nature, of yielding to these temptations? 3SM 129.2

I will try to answer this important question: **As God he could not be tempted: but as a man he could be tempted, and that strongly, and could yield to the temptations.** His human nature must pass through the same test and trial Adam and Eve passed through. **His human nature was created; it did not even possess the angelic powers. It was human, identical with our own.** He was passing over the ground where Adam fell. He was now where, if he endured the test and trial in behalf of the fallen race, he would redeem Adam's disgraceful failure and fall, in our own humanity.

3SM 129.3

He came into our world to maintain a pure, sinless character, and **to refute Satan's lie that it was not possible for human beings to keep the law of God.** Christ came to live the law in his human character in just that way in which **ALL may live the law in human nature IF THEY WILL DO AS CHRIST WAS DOING.**

3SM 129.4

Abundant provision has been made that finite, fallen man may so connect with God that, **through the same Source by which Christ overcame in his human nature, he may stand firmly against every temptation, as did Christ.** He was subject to inconveniences that human nature is subjected to. He breathed the air of the same world we breathe. He stood and traveled in the same world we inhabit, which, we have positive evidence, was no more friendly to grace and righteousness than it is today..

3SM 130.1

Philipians 4:13

I can do all things **THROUGH CHRIST** who **strengthens** me.

He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. **If his people will follow this example, they will be imbued with his Spirit, and heavenly angels will minister to them.** 3SM 131.2

**But in every time of distress, Christ turned to his Father....**

.....He prayed with strong crying and tears, and he was heard in that he feared. **God strengthened Him, as he will strengthen ALL who will humble themselves, and throw themselves, soul, body, and spirit, into the hands of a covenant-keeping God.**

3SM 131.4

Unless there is a possibility of yielding, temptation is no temptation. Temptation is resisted when man is powerfully influenced to do a wrong action; and, knowing that he can do it, resists, by faith, **with a firm hold upon DIVINE POWER**. This was the ordeal through which Christ passed.

—The Youth's Instructor, July 20, 1899. 3SM 132.3

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil  
and he will flee from you..



He gives us an example of **perfect obedience**. He has provided that we may become partakers of the divine nature, and assures us that we may overcome as he overcame. **His life testified that by the aid of the same divine power which Christ received, it is possible for man to obey God's law.**

—Manuscript 141, 1901. 3SM 132.4

**He came to show man HOW to keep the law in humanity**, so that man might have no excuse for following his own defective judgment. We see Christ's obedience. His life was without sin. His lifelong obedience is a reproach to disobedient humanity. **The obedience of Christ is not to be put aside as altogether different from the obedience he requires of us individually. Christ has shown us that it IS possible for all humanity to obey the laws of God.**

3SM 135.2

**The Lord Jesus came to our world, NOT to reveal what a God could do, but what a MAN could do, THROUGH FAITH IN GOD'S POWER to help in every emergency. Man is, through faith, to be a partaker in the divine nature, and to overcome every temptation wherewith he is beset.** The Lord now demands that every son and daughter of Adam through faith in Jesus Christ, serve Him in [the] human nature which we now have.

3SM 140.2

....He had infinite power only because he was **perfectly obedient** to his Father's will. 3 SM 141.5

**We are not to serve God as if we were not human, but we are to serve Him in the nature we have, that has been redeemed by the Son of God; through the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST we shall stand before God pardoned, and AS THOUGH WE HAD NEVER SINNED.** We will never gain strength in considering what we might do if we were angels. We are to turn in faith to Jesus Christ, and **show our love to God through obedience to his commands..**

—Manuscript 1, 1892. 3SM 140.5

## II Timothy 3:1-5 KJV

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof:** from such turn away..

## Joshua 24:15 NKJV

And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord ,  
**choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, .....**But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord .”

Isaiah 41:10 NKJV

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. **I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'**



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