

Chapter 16, *The Return of the Latter Rain*

"Confused Ideas of Salvation--I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins"

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1889-1890 Ministerial Institute and Following (Confusion on the **Messages**, Law and Gospel)

1890	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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1888 new edition *Great Controversy*: parable of virgins as applied to Advent Movement (expanded from *Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 4) **[MC]** [TM234, COL407: oil = Spirit = righteousness of Christ = character]; the darkness that came into the Protestant churches who rejected the light of the first and second angel's messages **[1AM & 2AM]**

02/03/1890: (Ms 9, 1890) "Responding to New Light": "How is it? Is it by conditions that we receive salvation?"

-calling -inviting -drawn -cross -love	no conditions	Come →	-views -impresses -love taken hold -sin, sinner	conditions →	-living faith lay hold -repentance	→	-works of righteousness -speak pardon
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"The devil has been working for a year to obliterate these ideas--the whole of them."

02/06/1890: (*Review* 3/25/1890) "Open the Heart to Light"; "our churches are dying for the want of teaching on the subject of righteousness by faith in Christ, and for kindred truths"

Undated (Ms 36, 1890) "Danger of False Ideas on Justification by Faith": "need the divine love represented by gold tried in the fire; they need the white raiment of Christ's pure character; and they need the heavenly eyesalve that they might discern with astonishment the utter worthlessness of creature merit to earn the wages of eternal life" **[LM]**; "danger has been presented to me again and again of entertaining, as a people, false ideas of justification by faith. I have been shown for years that Satan would work in a special manner to confuse the mind on this point. The law of God has been largely dwelt upon, and has been presented to congregations, almost as destitute of the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His relation to the law as was the offering of Cain." **[3AM L&G]** [Rev. 14:12; see "The third angel's message is the proclamation of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ. The commandments of God have been proclaimed, but the faith of Jesus Christ has not been proclaimed by Seventh-day Adventists as of equal importance, the law and the gospel going hand in hand." {1888 217.3}] "value in repentance to buy for him forgiveness. Can man repent of himself? No more than he can pardon himself." "There is danger in regarding justification by faith as placing merit on faith." "religionists generally have divorced the law and the gospel **[gospel without law]**, while we have, on the other hand, almost done the same from another standpoint **[law without gospel]**. We have not held up before the people the righteousness of Christ.... We have left out Christ and His matchless love, brought in theories and reasoning, and preached argumentative discourses."

04/01/1890: *Review* article "Repentance the Gift of God": "erroneous ideas in regard to the nature of repentance"; "fears that we shall dwell too much upon the subject of justification by faith, but I hope and pray that none will be needlessly alarmed; for there is no danger in presenting this doctrine as it is set forth in the Scriptures"; "if the message of justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, 'It is the third angel's message in verity.' **[3AM]**... 'And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.' **[LC]** Brightness, glory, and power are to be connected with the third angel's message, and conviction will follow wherever it is preached in demonstration of the Spirit..... God has light for his people, and all who will accept it will see the sinfulness of remaining in a lukewarm condition; they will heed the counsel of the True Witness." **[LM]**

04/17/1890: Washburn's letter of inquiry to EGW: "deeply impressed"; "righteousness of Christ"; "special work on true holiness"; "fear of the counterfeit holiness ... missed very much of God's special blessing"; "true holiness ... then our work shall go with the 'loud cry'"; "condition spoken of in Rev. 3:14-17" **[LM]**

04/27/1890: Dan Jones to O. A. Olsen: regarding Kansas City institute: "exaggerated ideas they had received of what our brethren [Jones and Waggoner] taught on the subject of justification by faith"; "got the idea that the position is now taken that we should stand in a position where we do not sin, that all sin should be put away entirely"

05/05/1890: Dan Jones to R. C. Porter: " rumor afloat ... that Sister White is coming out in a testimony against Bro. Smith and Bro. Butler"; "I hope this may prove to be only a rumor, and that everything will conspire to let this matter of the covenant question and the Minneapolis matter rest for awhile until it dies out of the minds of the people." "How I wish our leading brethren could get together and settle all these things among themselves, and not bring them before the public where the influence will go out and discourage the brethren in all parts of the field...." [Institute did not settle it.]

05/27/1890: *Review* article "Living Channels of Light": "The relation of Christ to the law ... faintly comprehended"; "The law and the gospel are so blended that the truth cannot be presented as it is in Jesus, without blending these subjects in perfect agreement." [3AM L&G]; "The third angel's message will not be comprehended, the light which will lighten the earth with its glory will be called a false light, by those who refuse to walk in its advancing glory. The work that might have been done, will be left undone by the rejecters of truth, because of their unbelief. We entreat of you who oppose the light of truth, to stand out of the way of God's people...." [3AM & LC]

08/19/1890 & 08/26/1890: Her reply published in 2 articles in *Review*, "The Righteousness of Christ"; "the third angel's message ... power attends ... becomes an abiding influence"; "the parable of the ten virgins ... has a special application to this time" [3AM & MC]

Wise	receive, believe, act
Foolish	receive, claim, not act, despise grace

"The state of the church represented by the foolish virgins, is ... the Laodicean state.... Since the time of the Minneapolis meeting, I have seen the state of the Laodicean Church as never before." [MC & LM]; "mixture of truth and error"; "good enough to be saved"; "sacrifice of Christ is sufficient"; "Satan has achieved his greatest success through interposing himself between the soul and the Saviour"

08/27/1890: EGW letter to O. A. Olsen: "The spirit of resistance that has been exhibited in presenting the righteousness of Christ as our only hope has grieved the Spirit of God, and the result of this opposition has required the delivery of this matter the more earnestly and decidedly, causing deeper searching into the subject and calling out an array of arguments that the messenger himself did not know was so firm, so full, so thorough upon this subject of justification by faith and the righteousness of Christ as our only hope." "would bring confusion and misunderstanding"

09/19/1890: Dan Jones to E. W. Farnsworth: "the position held by those that did not fully indorse the view on justification by faith, while they claim to believe fully in that doctrine, has been practically one of opposition to it." "What I have criticized most in the course of those who have pushed the subject of justification and some other questions, is the spirit in which it has been done.... perhaps we have looked more at the men that were doing the work and the manner in which it was done, than at the work itself."

12/27/1890: Diary: "The law and the gospel go hand in hand. The one is the complement of the other. The law without faith in the gospel of Christ cannot save the transgressor of law. The gospel without the law is inefficient and powerless. The law and the gospel are a perfect whole.... The two blended... produce the love and faith unfeigned." [3AM L&G]

02/27/1891: Diary: "The religion of many is very much like an icicle—freezingly cold.... They cannot touch the hearts of others, because their own hearts are not surcharged with the blessed love that flows from the heart of Christ.... [law without gospel] Still others go to the opposite extreme, making religious emotions prominent, and on special occasions manifesting intense zeal. [gospel without law]" [3AM L&G]

03/24/1891: GC Session Talk: "Our Present Danger"; "'I am afraid you are going where the holiness people go. I am afraid you are going after the Salvation Army.' Brethren, you need not be afraid of the plain teachings of the Bible.... Do not let any man or woman, or any council or party, lead you to suppress the precious light that God has permitted to shine from heaven in regard to the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus." [3AM L&G]; compare Rev. 12:17