

## Lesson 80: Quench Not the Spirit, part 3

### VIII. Grieve Not the Holy Spirit

**Memory Verse:** If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. **John 7:17**

#### The Example of the Priests and Rulers – 2

##### H. The Officers Who were Sent to Arrest Him (continued)

30. How could the people KNOW if Jesus was the Messiah or not? **John 7:16,17**

"Jesus answered them, and said, My \_\_\_\_\_ is not mine, but his that \_\_\_\_\_ me. If any man will \_\_\_\_\_ his will, he shall \_\_\_\_\_ of the doctrine, whether it be of \_\_\_\_\_, or whether I speak of \_\_\_\_\_."

They must have desire to K\_\_\_\_\_ the truth so that they would D\_\_\_ God's W\_\_\_\_\_.

To find out they must study the S\_\_\_\_\_ for themselves and God promised that they would K\_\_\_\_\_ whether He was of G\_\_\_\_\_ – the promised Messiah.

**Note:** "Many who were **convinced** that Jesus was the Son of God were **misled by the false reasoning of the priests and rabbis**. These teachers had repeated with great effect the prophecies concerning the Messiah, that He would "reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before His ancients gloriously;" that He would "have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth." Isaiah 24:23; Psalm 72:8. Then **they made contemptuous comparisons between the glory here pictured and the humble appearance of Jesus**. The very words of prophecy were so **perverted** as to **sanction error**. Had the people in sincerity studied the word for themselves, they would not have been misled. The sixty-first chapter of Isaiah testifies that Christ was to do the very work He did. Chapter fifty-three sets forth His rejection and sufferings in the world, and chapter fifty-nine describes the character of the priests and rabbis." DA 458.2

What 3 chapters in Isaiah are mentioned that were clearly fulfilled in the life of Christ?

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_: Prophecies His rejection and sufferings

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_: Describes the character of the priests and rabbis

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_: Tells about the work which Christ would do

"God does not compel men to give up their unbelief. Before them are **light** and *darkness*, **truth** and *error*. **It is for them to decide which they will accept**. The human mind is endowed with power to discriminate between right and wrong. **God designs that men shall not decide from impulse, but from weight of evidence, carefully comparing scripture with scripture**. Had the Jews laid by their prejudice and compared written prophecy with the facts characterizing the life of Jesus, they would have perceived a **beautiful harmony** between the prophecies and their **fulfillment** in the life and ministry of the lowly Galilean." DA 458.3

**"Many are deceived today in the same way as were the Jews**. Religious teachers read the Bible in the light of their **own understanding and traditions**; and the **people** do not search the Scriptures **for themselves**, and judge for themselves as to what is truth; but **they yield up their judgment**, and commit their souls to their leaders. The preaching and teaching of His word is one of the means that God has ordained for diffusing light; but **we must bring every man's teaching to the test of Scripture**. Whoever will prayerfully study the Bible, desiring to know the truth, that he may obey it, will receive divine enlightenment. He will understand the Scriptures. 'If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching.' John 7:17, R. V." DA 459.1

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In order for us to know the truth, what must we do?

We must P \_\_\_\_\_ study the Bible.

We must D \_\_\_\_\_ to know the T \_\_\_\_\_.

We must want to K \_\_\_\_\_ so that we can O \_\_\_\_\_ it.

31. At the end of the feast, what symbol did Jesus use to call people to come to Him?

**Note:** "Day after day He taught the people, until the last, 'that great day of the feast.' The morning of this day found the people **wearied** from the long season of festivity. Suddenly Jesus lifted up His voice, in tones that rang through the courts of the temple: DA 453.3

**John 7:37-39** "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man \_\_\_\_\_, let him \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. He that \_\_\_\_\_ on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall \_\_\_\_\_ rivers of \_\_\_\_\_ water. (But this spake he of the \_\_\_\_\_, which they that believe on him should \_\_\_\_\_: for the Holy Ghost was not \_\_\_\_\_ given; because that Jesus was not \_\_\_\_\_ glorified.)"

He used the symbol of L \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ which He would give them to D \_\_\_\_\_.

"The condition of the people made this appeal very forcible. They had been engaged in a continued scene of pomp and festivity, their eyes had been dazzled with light and color, and their ears regaled with the richest music; **but there had been nothing in all this round of ceremonies to meet the wants of the spirit, nothing to satisfy the thirst of the soul for that which perishes not.** Jesus invited them to come and drink of the fountain of life, of that which would be in them a well of water, springing up unto everlasting life." DA 453.4

"The priest had that morning performed the ceremony which commemorated the smiting of the rock in the wilderness. **That rock was a symbol of Him who by His death would cause living streams of salvation to flow to all who are athirst.** Christ's words were the water of life. There in the presence of the assembled multitude **He set Himself apart to be smitten**, that the water of life might flow to the world. In smiting Christ, Satan thought to destroy the Prince of life; but from the smitten rock there flowed living water. As Jesus thus spoke to the people, their hearts thrilled with a strange awe, and many were ready to exclaim, with the woman of Samaria, 'Give me this water, that I thirst not.' John 4:15." DA 454.1

"Jesus knew the wants of the soul. **Pomp, riches, and honor cannot satisfy the heart.** 'If any man thirst, let him come unto Me.' The rich, the poor, the high, the low, are alike welcome. He **promises to relieve** the burdened mind, to **comfort** the sorrowing, and to **give hope** to the despondent. Many of those who heard Jesus were mourners over disappointed hopes, many were nourishing a secret grief, many were seeking to satisfy their restless longing with the things of the world and the praise of men; but when all was gained, they found that they had toiled only to reach a **broken cistern**, from which they could **not** quench their thirst. **Amid the glitter of the joyous scene they stood, dissatisfied and sad.** That sudden cry, 'If any man thirst,' startled them from their sorrowful meditation, and as they listened to the words that followed, **their minds kindled with a new hope.** The Holy Spirit presented the symbol before them until they saw in it the offer of the priceless gift of salvation." DA 454.2

32. How did the people respond to His words? **John 7:40,41**

"M \_\_\_\_\_ of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said,

Of a truth this is the \_\_\_\_\_. Others said, This is the \_\_\_\_\_.

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But \_\_\_\_\_ said, Shall Christ come out of \_\_\_\_\_?

**Note:** "That sudden cry, 'If any man thirst--' **startles** them from their sorrowful meditation, and as they listen to the words that follow, their minds kindle with a **new hope**. They look upon the Lifegiver standing in majesty before them, **divinity flashing through his humanity, and revealing his heavenly power in words that thrill their hearts.**" 1Red 92.1

"The cry of Christ to the thirsty soul is **still going forth**. It appeals to us with even **greater power** than to those who heard it in the temple on that last day of the feast. The weary and exhausted ones are offered the refreshing draught of eternal life. **Jesus invites them to rest in him**. He will take their burdens. He will give them peace. ... All who come to Christ **receive his love in their hearts**, which is the **water** that springs up unto everlasting life. Those who receive it impart it in turn to others, in good works, in right examples, and in Christian counsel." 1Red 92.2

33. How did His words affect the officers sent to arrest Him? **John 7:44-46**

"And some of them would have taken him; but \_\_\_\_\_ man laid \_\_\_\_\_ on him. Then \_\_\_\_\_ the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, \_\_\_\_\_ have ye \_\_\_\_\_ brought him? The officers answered, \_\_\_\_\_ man \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_ man."

**Note:** "As the officers listened to the words of Christ, **they became intensely interested**. In their eagerness to hear all he said, they pressed close within the circle that had gathered around him. **They saw divinity flash through humanity, and their hearts were touched by the Spirit of God.** *They could not reach forth their hands and lay them upon such a man. The truths that Christ there uttered were as seed sown upon good ground, that brought forth an abundant harvest when he was no longer among them.* YI, September 30, 1897 par. 7

"On the last day of the feast, the officers sent out by the priests and rulers to arrest Jesus, returned without Him. They were angrily questioned, 'Why have ye not brought Him?' With **solemn countenance** they answered, 'Never man spake like this Man.' " DA 459.2

"Hardened as were their hearts, they were **melted** by His words. While He was speaking in the temple court, they had lingered near, to catch something that might be turned against Him. But as they listened, the purpose for which they had been sent was forgotten. **They stood as men entranced. Christ revealed Himself to their souls. They saw that which priests and rulers would not see, – humanity flooded with the glory of divinity.** They returned, **so filled with this thought, so impressed by His words**, that to the inquiry, 'Why have ye not brought Him?' they could only reply, 'Never man spake like this Man.' " DA 459.3

"The officers had **heard** the words of Jesus in the temple, they had **felt the wondrous influence of his presence**, and their **hearts** had been strangely **softened** and **drawn** toward him whom they were commanded to arrest as a criminal. They were unequal to the task set them by the priests and rulers; they could not summon courage to lay hands upon this pure Being who stood, with the light of Heaven upon his countenance, preaching a free salvation." 1Red 93.2

They had been **charmed** with his words, which had seemed to them as **precious jewels**. They had listened in utter forgetfulness of their errand, and had returned pondering his teaching. **Divinity had flashed through humanity, and they had been deeply impressed, and would not lay hands upon him.**" ST, April 18, 1892 par. 11

"The priests and rulers, on first coming into the presence of Christ, had felt the same **conviction**. Their hearts were deeply moved, and the thought was forced upon them, 'Never man spake like this Man.' **But they had stifled the conviction of the Holy Spirit.** Now, enraged that even the

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instruments of the law should be influenced by the hated Galilean, they cried, 'Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on Him? But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.' " DA 459.4

The soldiers who had been sent to arrest Jesus were deeply i\_\_\_\_\_ by His words. They would not lay H\_\_\_\_\_ upon Him. The priests and rulers had also had the same C\_\_\_\_\_, but they S\_\_\_\_\_ it. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ time.

### K. Jesus' Claims Oneness with the Father

34. How did Jesus identify Himself to the people? **John 10:14-18**

"I am the good \_\_\_\_\_, and know \_\_\_\_\_ sheep, and am \_\_\_\_\_ of mine. As the \_\_\_\_\_ knoweth me, even so \_\_\_\_\_ I the Father: and I \_\_\_\_\_ down my life for the \_\_\_\_\_. And \_\_\_\_\_ sheep I have, which are \_\_\_\_\_ of this fold: them also I must \_\_\_\_\_, and they shall hear my \_\_\_\_\_; and there shall be \_\_\_\_\_ fold, and \_\_\_\_\_ shepherd."

**Note:** "In the East it is the custom of the shepherd to name his sheep, and as the sheep learn their names, **they respond to the voice of the shepherd**. The shepherd goes before them and leads them out, guiding them from the fold to the pasture. **The sheep recognize the voice of the shepherd and follow him**. Jesus declared himself to be the true shepherd, because he gave his life for the sheep." ST, November 27, 1893 par. 2

How does Jesus' willingness to lay down His life for us affect His relationship to God?

**John 10:17,18** "Therefore doth my Father \_\_\_\_\_ me, \_\_\_\_\_ I lay down my \_\_\_\_\_, that I might \_\_\_\_\_ it again. No man taketh it \_\_\_\_\_ me, but I \_\_\_\_\_ it down of myself. I have \_\_\_\_\_ to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my \_\_\_\_\_."

Jesus' willingness to die draws Him and His \_\_\_\_\_ closer to each other.

**Note:** "Jesus spoke these words in the hearing of a large concourse of people, and **a deep impression was made upon the hearts of many who listened**. The scribes and Pharisees were filled with jealousy because he was regarded with favor by many. Among the multitude were also **rulers**, who were **deeply impressed** as they listened to his important words. While he represented himself as the True Shepherd, the Pharisees said, 'He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?' But others **distinguished the voice of the True Shepherd**." ST, November 27, 1893 par. 3

35. Did all of them accept Jesus as the Messiah? **John 10:19**

"There was a \_\_\_\_\_ therefore again among the Jews for these sayings."

What were the two opinions?

① **John 10:20** And \_\_\_\_\_ of them said, He hath a \_\_\_\_\_, and is \_\_\_\_\_; why hear ye him?

② **John 10:21** \_\_\_\_\_ said, These are \_\_\_\_\_ the words of him that hath a \_\_\_\_\_. Can a devil \_\_\_\_\_ the eyes of the \_\_\_\_\_?

36. What question did the Jews press on Jesus? **John 10:24**

"Then came the Jews \_\_\_\_\_ about him, and said unto him, How \_\_\_\_\_ dost thou make us to \_\_\_\_\_? If thou be the \_\_\_\_\_, tell us \_\_\_\_\_."

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How did Jesus answer them? **John 10:25-30**

"Jesus answered them, I \_\_\_\_\_ you, and ye believed \_\_\_\_\_: the \_\_\_\_\_ that I do in my Father's name, they bear \_\_\_\_\_ of me. But ye believe \_\_\_\_\_, because ye are \_\_\_\_\_ of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my \_\_\_\_\_, and I know them, and they \_\_\_\_\_ me: And I \_\_\_\_\_ unto them \_\_\_\_\_ life; and they shall \_\_\_\_\_ perish, neither shall any man \_\_\_\_\_ them out of my hand. My \_\_\_\_\_, which gave them me, is \_\_\_\_\_ than all; and \_\_\_\_\_ man is \_\_\_\_\_ to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "With what **firmness** and **power** he uttered these words. The Jews had never before heard such words from human lips, and **a convicting influence attended them; for it seemed that divinity flashed through humanity as Jesus said, 'I and my Father are one.'** The words of Christ were full of **deep meaning** as he put forth the claim that he and the Father were of one substance, possessing the **same attributes**. The Jews understood his meaning, there was no reason why they should misunderstand, and they took up stones to stone him. Jesus looked upon them calmly and unshrinkingly." ST, November 27, 1893 par. 5

What did he say to the Jews? **John 10:32**

"Jesus answered them, Many \_\_\_\_\_ works have I shewed you from my \_\_\_\_\_; for \_\_\_\_\_ of those works do ye \_\_\_\_\_ me?"

"The Majesty of heaven stood, **calmly assured**, as a god before his adversaries. Their scowling faces, their hands filled with stones, **did not intimidate him**. He knew that unseen forces, legions of angels, were round about him, and at one word from his lips they would strike with dismay the throng, should they offer to cast upon him a single stone. He stood before them **undaunted**.

"Why did not the stones fly to the mark? –

**It was because divinity flashed through humanity, and they received a revelation, and were convicted that his were no common claims.** Their hands relax and the stones fall to the ground. His words had **asserted his divinity**, but now his **personal presence**, the **light of his eye**, the **majesty of his attitude**, bore **witness** to the fact that he was the beloved Son of God." ST, Nov. 27, 1893 par. 6

What did the Jews answer Him? **John 10:33**

"The Jews answered him, saying, For a \_\_\_\_\_ work we stone thee \_\_\_\_\_; but for \_\_\_\_\_; and because that \_\_\_\_\_, being a \_\_\_\_\_, makest thyself \_\_\_\_\_." When Jesus made His oneness with His father plain, they intended to S\_\_\_\_\_ Him. Why did they not carry out their purpose? They were C\_\_\_\_\_ that His words were true, and they let the stones F\_\_\_\_\_ to the ground.

37. How did Jesus answer this accusation? **John 10:34-38**

"Jesus answered them, Is it not \_\_\_\_\_ in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the \_\_\_\_\_ of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of \_\_\_\_\_, whom the \_\_\_\_\_ hath sanctified, and \_\_\_\_\_ into the world, Thou \_\_\_\_\_; because I said, I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ I do \_\_\_\_\_ the works of my Father, believe me \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ if I do, though ye believe not \_\_\_\_\_, believe the \_\_\_\_\_: that ye may \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, that the Father is \_\_\_\_\_ me, and I \_\_\_\_\_ him."

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**Note:** "Had the Pharisees misunderstood his words, he could and would have corrected their wrong impression. He could have told them that he was no blasphemer, although he had called himself the Son of God, and that his words need not necessarily mean that he had invested himself with divine prerogatives, and made himself equal with the Father. But he made no such statement. **The impression they had received was the very impression he desired to make.** ... Again the **hatred** and the **wrath** is stirred within the breast of the Jews, and they sought to take him." ST, November 27, 1893 par. 7

38. Even though Jesus told them plainly the answer to their question, did they believe?

**John 10:39** Therefore they sought \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ him: but he \_\_\_\_\_ out of their hand."

Did this evidence change their hearts?      YES      NO

This was the \_\_\_\_\_ time they rejected the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

39. Where did He go? **John 10:40** "And went away again \_\_\_\_\_ Jordan into the place where \_\_\_\_\_ at first \_\_\_\_\_; and there he abode."

Even though many of the leaders rejected Jesus, how did the **common** people respond to Him there? **John 10:41,42** "And \_\_\_\_\_ resorted unto him, and said, John did \_\_\_\_\_ miracle: but \_\_\_\_\_ things that John \_\_\_\_\_ of this man were \_\_\_\_\_. And \_\_\_\_\_ believed on him there."

### **L. At the Raising of Lazarus**

39. What was Jesus' purpose in raising Lazarus? **John 11:41,42**

"Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, \_\_\_\_\_, I thank thee that thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ me. And I \_\_\_\_\_ that thou hearest me \_\_\_\_\_: but because of the \_\_\_\_\_ which stand by I said it, that they may \_\_\_\_\_ that thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ me."

**Note:** "Calmly Christ stands before the tomb. **A sacred solemnity** rests upon all present. Christ steps closer to the sepulcher. Lifting His eyes to heaven, He says, 'Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me.' Not long before this, Christ's enemies had accused Him of blasphemy, and had taken up stones to cast at Him because He claimed to be the Son of God. They accused Him of performing miracles by the power of Satan. **But here Christ claims God as His Father, and with perfect confidence declares that He is the Son of God.**" DA 535.5

"**In all that He did, Christ was co-operating with His Father.** Ever He had been careful to make it evident that **He did not work independently**; it was by **faith** and **prayer** that He wrought His miracles. **Christ desired all to know His relationship with His Father.** ... Here the disciples and the people were to be given the **most convincing evidence** in regard to the **relationship** existing between Christ and God. **They were to be shown that Christ's claim was not a deception.**" DA 536.1

40. How did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? **John 11:43**

"And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, \_\_\_\_\_ forth."

"His voice, clear and penetrating, pierces the ear of the dead. **As He speaks, divinity flashes through humanity. In His face, which is lighted up by the glory of God, the people see the assurance of His power.** Every eye is fastened on the entrance to the cave. Every ear is bent to catch the slightest sound. With intense and painful interest all wait for the test of Christ's divinity, the **evidence** that is to **substantiate** His **claim** to be the Son of God, OR to **extinguish** the hope forever." DA 536.2

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41. What was the result? **John 11:44** "And he that was \_\_\_\_\_ came \_\_\_\_\_, bound hand and foot with \_\_\_\_\_: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, \_\_\_\_\_ him, and let him \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "There is a stir in the silent tomb, and he who was dead stands at the door of the sepulcher. His movements are impeded by the graveclothes in which he was laid away, and Christ says to the **astonished** spectators, 'Loose him, and let him go.' **Again they are shown that the human worker is to co-operate with God.** Humanity is to work for humanity. Lazarus is set free, and stands before the company, not as one emaciated from disease, and with feeble, tottering limbs, but as a man in the prime of life, and **in the vigor of a noble manhood.** His eyes beam with intelligence and with **love** for his Saviour. **He casts himself in adoration at the feet of Jesus.**" DA 536.3

42. What 2 responses did the Jews have to this evidence of Christ's divinity?

① **John 11:45** "Then \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews which came to Mary, and had \_\_\_\_\_ the things which Jesus did, \_\_\_\_\_ on him."

② **John 11:46** But \_\_\_\_\_ of them went their ways to the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ them what things Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "This miracle exerted a **powerful influence.** 'Many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.' They **received** Christ, and in them the words were fulfilled, 'As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God.' 'But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.' They had just **witnessed the most wonderful evidence ever given to men that Jesus was the Messiah;** but in spite of this, they **surrounded their souls with darkness so dense that the divine light could not reach their souls.**" YI, May 4, 1899 pr. 10

Even with this powerful evidence that Jesus was the Messiah, some of them still chose to remain in D \_\_\_\_\_ so dense that the divine L \_\_\_\_\_ could not reach them. This was the \_\_\_\_\_ time they made such a choice.

### M. The Second Cleansing of the Temple

43. "In fulfillment of prophecy the people had proclaimed Jesus king of Israel. He had received their homage, and accepted the office of king. **In this character He must act.** He knew that His efforts to reform a corrupt priesthood would be in **vain;** nevertheless His work must be done; to an unbelieving people the **evidence** of His divine mission must be given." DA 590.3

**Matthew 21:12,13** "And Jesus went into the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and cast out \_\_\_\_\_ them that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And \_\_\_\_\_ unto them, It is \_\_\_\_\_, My \_\_\_\_\_ shall be called the house of \_\_\_\_\_; but \_\_\_\_\_ have made it a den of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "Again the piercing look of Jesus swept over the desecrated court of the temple. All eyes were turned toward Him. Priest and ruler, Pharisee and Gentile, looked with astonishment and awe upon Him who stood before them with the majesty of heaven's King. **Divinity flashed through humanity, investing Christ with a dignity and glory He had never manifested before.** Those standing nearest Him drew as far away as the crowd would permit. Except for a few of His disciples, the Saviour stood alone. Every sound was hushed. The deep silence seemed unbearable. Christ spoke with a power that

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swayed the people like a mighty tempest: 'It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.' His voice sounded like a trumpet through the temple. **The displeasure of His countenance seemed like consuming fire. With authority He commanded, 'Take these things hence.'** John 2:16." DA 590.4

"Christ drove the dishonest traffickers from the temple courts **with heaven's authority flashing from his face**. His voice spoke to the conscience and soul with the power of God. 'Take these things hence,' he said; 'it is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.' " RH, February 13, 1900 par. 2

"Three years before, the rulers of the temple had been ashamed of their flight before the command of Jesus. They had since wondered at their own fears, and their unquestioning obedience to a single humble Man. They had felt that it was impossible for their undignified surrender to be repeated. **Yet they were now more terrified than before, and in greater haste to obey His command**. There were none who dared question His authority. Priests and traders fled from His presence, driving their cattle before them." DA 591.1

**"As priests and rulers looked upon the face of Christ, terror took possession of them; for divinity was flashing through humanity**. This was evidence that they had not looked for. They understood the meaning of his words, and, amazed and terrified, they fled from the humble, travel-stained Nazarene, as if he had been surrounded by an avenging army of heavenly beings." RH, February 13, 1900 par. 3

"But as they hurried away from the sacred precincts, they found that they had received no bodily harm, and their terror-stricken souls began to recover. They said, We will return to the temple, and demand by what authority he is doing this work." RH, February 13, 1900 par. 3

44. What did they find when they returned to the temple? **Matthew 21:14** "And the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ came to him in the temple; and he \_\_\_\_\_ them."

**Note:** "But when they saw the work that Jesus had been doing since their expulsion, **they did not confront him with the assurance that they thought they would**. They found the Saviour **healing** the sick and the dying. 'The blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.' On their ears fell the sound of **rejoicing** and the song of praise. In the very temple itself, children who had been **restored** to health were waving palm branches, and **singing** hosannas to the Son of David. Baby voices were lisping the praises of the mighty Healer. The people were **rejoicing**; for those among them who had been sick and dying were now **restored** to perfect health. But the lowing of the cattle and the bleating of the sheep were as music in the ears of the priests when compared with these sounds of rejoicing. Cattle sales meant money to them. **But the gladness and joy of the people who had been restored gave them no satisfaction**." RH, February 13, 1900 par. 3

45. How did the priests react to the scene in the temple? **Matthew 21:15,16**

"And when the chief priests and scribes \_\_\_\_\_ the wonderful things that he \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore \_\_\_\_\_, And said unto him, Hearest thou what these \_\_\_\_\_? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never \_\_\_\_\_, Out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected \_\_\_\_\_?"

**Note:** "The scene at the temple was indelibly impressed upon the minds of the **people** who had come to attend the feast.



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What greater evidence than this could Christ give?

If this could find **no entrance** into the hearts of these resisters of light;

if **such** a scene as this **did not bring conviction**;

if this light was **not sufficient** to drive away their prejudice and jealousy,

what evidence could Christ give to pierce their rock-bound hearts?

– **Nothing** that he could say or do **would move their stubborn wills.**" RH, February 13, 1900 par. 5

Here they had another **evidence** of Christ's divine character, but they R\_\_\_\_\_

the light; they clung to their prejudice and J\_\_\_\_\_. This was the \_\_\_\_\_ time.

46. How does this story apply to us? What does Jesus say to us in **Revelation 3:20**?

"Behold, I stand at the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_: if any man \_\_\_\_\_ my voice, and \_\_\_\_\_ the door, I will \_\_\_\_\_ in to him, and will \_\_\_\_\_ with him, and he with me."

**Note:** "In these days it is difficult for the truth to find access to the human heart. You know that on one occasion when Jesus entered into the temple, he found there "those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting." Thus the sacred courts of the Lord's house were converted into a place of merchandise, where greed and avarice flourished. As the eye of Jesus swept over the scene of busy traffic, **divinity flashed through his humanity.** ... The traffic suddenly stopped, and the throng of buyers and sellers fled as though a company of armed men were pursuing them. With bated breath the priests and rulers looked upon him who was clothed with such majesty and power; and, as though a flash of light from Heaven had revealed the truth to their beclouded minds, **the conviction forced itself upon them that this was no common man.**" ST, August 6, 1885 par. 3

"As Christ found it difficult to obtain access to the temple courts because they were lumbered with things that should never have been there, **so is the human heart closed against the truth because it is lumbered with the cares and burdens of this world.** It has received the worldly mould. The prince of the powers of darkness is playing the game of life for the soul. **He is working with every device that he can invent**, with all deceivableness of unrighteousness, **to separate man from God.** The lust of the flesh, the pride of life, the vanities of the world, have taken possession of the soul-temple, and no room is left for Jesus. But when the heart is once brought under the power of the truth, even its secret recesses feel the renewing and transforming influence. To those who have lumbered the soul-temple with worldly cares, and desecrated it with buyers and sellers, we would say, **Take these things hence, and let the truth have possession of the soul.** Jesus stands knocking at your heart, pleading, 'If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.' Will we let the Lord of glory enter? Will we make room for the truth of heavenly origin?" ST, August 6, 1885 par. 4

47. Why is it so important for us to let Him into our hearts?

**1 Corinthians 3:16** "Know ye not that \_\_\_\_\_ are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and that the Spirit of God \_\_\_\_\_ in you?"

**John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_: no man cometh unto the \_\_\_\_\_, but by \_\_\_\_\_."

He is the \_\_\_\_\_ that we need.

There is no other way to have eternal \_\_\_\_\_.

There is no other \_\_\_\_\_ to heaven than this.

**Note:** "If you will make room for Jesus, and cleanse the soul from the defilement of sin, you may enjoy perfect peace with God. But some will ask, How am I to do this? **By an entire surrender of your will and your way to God.** The peace of God will not rule in your hearts while you retain your worldly

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ambitions and indulgences. The passions that have held possession of the soul must be removed. When we profess the truth, it is our **privilege** and **duty** to show to the world that it has had a **transforming power upon the life and character.**" ST, August 6, 1885 par. 5

### N. The Barren Fig Tree

48. "The night before his work of cleansing the temple courts and healing the sick, Christ had spent in prayer in the mount of Olives." RH, February 13, 1900 par. 6

**Matthew 21:18,19** "Now in the \_\_\_\_\_ as he returned into the city, he hungered. And when he saw a \_\_\_\_\_ tree in the way, he came to it, and found \_\_\_\_\_ thereon, but \_\_\_\_\_ only, and said unto it, Let \_\_\_\_\_ fruit grow on thee henceforward for \_\_\_\_\_. And presently the fig tree \_\_\_\_\_ away.

"The next morning, on his way again to Jerusalem, he passed the withered fig tree." RH, February 13, 1900 par. 6

What did the disciples say when they saw the withered fig tree? **Matthew 21:20**

"And when the \_\_\_\_\_ saw it, they \_\_\_\_\_, saying, How \_\_\_\_\_ is the fig tree \_\_\_\_\_ away!"

How did Jesus answer them? **Matthew 21:21-22**

"Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have \_\_\_\_\_, and doubt \_\_\_\_\_, ye shall not \_\_\_\_\_ do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this \_\_\_\_\_, Be thou \_\_\_\_\_, and be thou cast into the \_\_\_\_\_; it shall be done. And \_\_\_\_\_ things, whatsoever ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer, \_\_\_\_\_, ye shall \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "The fig tree was covered with **promising, pretentious leaves**, but was entirely **destitute of fruit**. It represented impenitent Israel, who had failed to do the work of God's appointment. **And not only does this lesson apply to the Jews, but in its terrible significance it reaches to every age, warning each soul of the sure result of profession without practice.** Let professing Christians inquire into the meaning of the curse pronounced upon the fig tree. The tree was full of promise, but investigation revealed its **barrenness**. It bore no fruit; and because of this **defect**, words were spoken that caused it almost immediately to wither away." RH, February 13, 1900 par. 7

"**A fig tree is created to bear fruit; and if it does not do this, it is not fit for a place in the orchard.** It is treated as a cumberer of the ground. **So the Lord created men and women to bear fruit to his glory and for the good of their fellow creatures, and he has provided them with every facility necessary to enable them to do this.** By creation and by redemption we are God's. Christ came as our substitute and surety, that we might bear fruit for him. **A probation has been granted us that we might not be like the fig tree, full of flourishing leaves, making great pretensions of success, yet destitute of good works.**" RH, February 13, 1900 par. 8

49. Peter wondered about the cursed fig tree: **Mark 11:20,21**

"And in the \_\_\_\_\_, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree \_\_\_\_\_ up from the roots. And Peter calling to \_\_\_\_\_ saith unto him, Master, \_\_\_\_\_, the fig tree which thou \_\_\_\_\_ is withered away."

**Note:** "This instance in the ministry of Christ was a singular one. It was unlike His ways and works. We trace His life, and see that His acts were ever performed to **restore**, not to destroy. He scattered

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mercy wherever He went, in words of counsel and deeds of goodness. He came not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. **The disciples could not understand this act in punishing a tree for its barrenness**, and they said, Declare unto us the parable of the fig tree."

ST, February 15, 1899 par. 4

**It was the purpose of Christ that this fig tree should teach His disciples a lesson.** He desired to impress upon them the true state of Jerusalem, and her final doom; and to do this He invested the tree with moral qualities, and made it the expositor of divine truth. **Just before this** Christ had made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. For the second time He had cleansed the temple, driving out from its courts the traffickers, saying: 'Take these things hence.' 'It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.' Dishonest dealing was practised by the men who brought cattle to sell in the temple courts; but the word of command was given; **divinity flashed through humanity, and no trafficker or priest in his gorgeous dress looking on that countenance dared to remain.** In haste all fled from the temple courts. **Now under the symbol of the blighted tree Christ presents before His disciples the righteous anger of God in the destruction of Jerusalem.** That tree flaunting its pretentious foliage in the very face of Christ was **a symbol of the Jewish nation, who had been separating from God until, in their pride and apostasy, they had lost their power of discernment, and knew not their Redeemer.** ST, February 15, 1899 par. 5

In the cursing of the fig tree Christ showed the disciples what would result from the persistent rejection of the Jewish nation of Christ, the Messiah, their R\_\_\_\_\_ : it would result in the D\_\_\_\_\_ of Jerusalem.

### **O. In the Garden of Gethsemane**

50. Who came to arrest Jesus? **Matthew 26:47**

"And while he yet spake, lo, \_\_\_\_\_, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great \_\_\_\_\_ with swords and staves, from the chief \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the people."

How did Jesus greet the mob? **John 18:4-6**

"Jesus therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ all things that should come upon him, went forth, and \_\_\_\_\_ unto them, \_\_\_\_\_ seek ye? They answered him, \_\_\_\_\_ of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, \_\_\_\_\_ . And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood \_\_\_\_\_ them. As \_\_\_\_\_ then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to the ground."

**Note:** "As these words were spoken, the angel who had lately ministered to Jesus moved between Him and the mob. A divine light illuminated the Saviour's face, and a dovelike form overshadowed Him.

**In the presence of this divine glory, the murderous throng could not stand for a moment.** They staggered back. Priests, elders, soldiers, and even Judas, fell as dead men to the ground." DA 694.5

"The angel withdrew, and the light faded away. Jesus had opportunity to escape, but He remained, calm and self-possessed. **As one glorified He stood in the midst of that hardened band**, now prostrate and helpless at His feet. The disciples looked on, silent with wonder and awe." DA 694.6

But quickly the scene changed. The mob started up. The Roman soldiers, the priests and Judas, gathered about Christ. They seemed ashamed of their weakness, and fearful that He would yet escape. Again the question was asked by the Redeemer, 'Whom seek ye?' **They had had evidence that He who stood before them was the Son of God, but they would not be convinced.**" DA 695.1

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This was the \_\_\_\_\_ time that evidence was given that Jesus was the Son of God.

51. What part did Judas play? **Matthew 26:48-50**

"Now he that betrayed him gave them a \_\_\_\_\_, saying, Whomsoever I shall \_\_\_\_\_, that \_\_\_\_\_ is he: hold him \_\_\_\_\_. And forthwith he came to \_\_\_\_\_, and said, Hail, master; and \_\_\_\_\_ him. And Jesus said unto him, \_\_\_\_\_, wherefore art thou \_\_\_\_\_?"

**Note:** "This appeal should have aroused the conscience of the betrayer, and touched his stubborn heart; but honor, fidelity, and human tenderness had forsaken him. He stood bold and defiant, showing **no disposition to relent**. He had given himself up to Satan, and he had no power to resist him. Jesus did not refuse the traitor's kiss." DA 696.1

**Matthew 26:48-50** "Then came \_\_\_\_\_, and laid \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus, and \_\_\_\_\_ him."

"The **mob grew bold** as they saw Judas touch the person of Him who had so recently been glorified before their eyes. They now laid hold of Jesus, and proceeded to bind those precious hands that had ever been employed in doing good." DA 696.2

52. What did Peter do? **John 18:10**

"Then Simon Peter having a \_\_\_\_\_ drew it, and \_\_\_\_\_ the high priest's servant, and \_\_\_\_\_ off his right \_\_\_\_\_. The servant's name was Malchus."

How did Jesus respond to this? **Matthew 26:52,54**

"Then said Jesus unto him, Put \_\_\_\_\_ again thy \_\_\_\_\_ into his place: for all they that \_\_\_\_\_ the sword shall \_\_\_\_\_ with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now \_\_\_\_\_ to my Father, and he shall presently \_\_\_\_\_ me more than twelve legions of \_\_\_\_\_? But \_\_\_\_\_ then shall the scriptures be \_\_\_\_\_, that thus it \_\_\_\_\_ be?"

**Note:** "Divinity flashed through humanity, and the soldiers were powerless before him. Had he spoken the word, twelve legions of angels would have come to his defense, and delivered him from his foes, and every one of that cruel company would have been destroyed at his word. But no, **he had come to save man, and at any cost he would carry out his purpose**. He **permitted** them to take him and drag him away as they would have taken any common criminal." RH, July 12, 1892 par. 7

Jesus made it very clear that He P\_\_\_\_\_ them to take Him. He could have easily D\_\_\_\_\_ them with a word, but He CHOSE to S\_\_\_\_\_ man.

### P. At His Trial Before Caiaphas

53. How did Jesus respond to all the false accusations brought against Him? **Isaiah 53:7**

"He was \_\_\_\_\_, and he was \_\_\_\_\_, yet he opened \_\_\_\_\_ his mouth: he is brought as a \_\_\_\_\_ to the slaughter, and as a \_\_\_\_\_ before her shearers is \_\_\_\_\_, so he openeth not his \_\_\_\_\_."

What did Caiaphas do? **Matthew 26:62**

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"And the high priest \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ unto him, Answerest thou \_\_\_\_\_? what is it which these witness \_\_\_\_\_ thee?"

**Note:** "False witnesses had been bribed to accuse Jesus of inciting rebellion and seeking to establish a separate government. **But their testimony proved to be vague and contradictory.** Under examination they falsified their own statements." DA 705.2

"**Patiently Jesus listened to the conflicting testimonies.** No word did He utter in self-defense. At last His accusers were entangled, confused, and maddened. The trial was making **no headway**; it seemed that their plottings were to fail. **Caiaphas was desperate.** One last resort remained; **Christ must be forced to condemn Himself.** The high priest started from the judgment seat, his face contorted with passion, his voice and demeanor plainly indicating that were it in his power he would strike down the prisoner before him. 'Answerest Thou nothing?' he exclaimed; 'what is it which these witness against Thee?' " "Jesus held His peace. DA 706.1,2

54. What did Caiaphas use as a last resort? **Matthew 26:63**

"But Jesus held his \_\_\_\_\_. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I \_\_\_\_\_ thee by the living \_\_\_\_\_, that thou \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ thou be the \_\_\_\_\_, the Son of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "At last, Caiaphas, raising his right hand toward heaven, addressed Jesus in the form of a solemn oath: 'I adjure Thee by the living God, that Thou tell us whether Thou be the Christ, the Son of God.' " DA 706.3

"**To this appeal Christ could not remain silent.** There was a time to be silent, and a time to speak. He had not spoken until directly questioned. He knew that to answer now would make His death certain. But the appeal was made by the highest acknowledged authority of the nation, and in the name of the Most High. **Christ would not fail to show proper respect for the law. More than this, His own relation to the Father was called in question. He must plainly declare His character and mission.** Jesus had said to His disciples, 'Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven.' Matthew 10:32. **Now by His own example He repeated the lesson.**" DA 706.4

What was Jesus' answer to Caiaphas? **Matthew 26:64**

"Jesus saith unto him, \_\_\_\_\_: nevertheless \_\_\_\_ say unto you, Hereafter shall ye \_\_\_\_\_ the Son of man \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ hand of \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ in the clouds of heaven."

"Every ear was bent to listen, and every eye was fixed on His face as He answered, 'Thou hast said.' **A heavenly light seemed to illuminate His pale countenance as He added,** 'Nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.' " DA 707.1

"**For a moment the divinity of Christ flashed through His guise of humanity.** The high priest quailed before the penetrating eyes of the Saviour. That look seemed to read his hidden thoughts, and burn into his heart. **Never in afterlife did he forget that searching glance of the persecuted Son of God.**" DA 707.2

"Hereafter,' said Jesus, 'shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.' In these words Christ presented the reverse of the scene then taking place. He, the Lord of life and glory, would be seated at God's right hand. **He would be the judge of all the earth,**

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and from His decision there could be no appeal. Then every secret thing would be set in the light of God's countenance, and judgment be passed upon every man according to his deeds." DA 707.3

"The words of Christ startled the high priest. **The thought that there was to be a resurrection of the dead, when all would stand at the bar of God, to be rewarded according to their works, was a thought of terror to Caiaphas.** He did not wish to believe that in future he would receive sentence according to his works. There rushed before his mind as a panorama the scenes of the final judgment. For a moment he saw the fearful spectacle of the graves giving up their dead, with the secrets he had hoped were forever hidden. For a moment he felt as if standing before the eternal Judge, whose eye, which sees all things, was reading his soul, bringing to light mysteries supposed to be hidden with the dead." DA 708.1

55. How did Caiaphas react to this conviction? What was the result? **Matthew 26:65,66**

"Then the high priest \_\_\_\_\_ his clothes, saying, He hath spoken \_\_\_\_\_; what further \_\_\_\_\_ have we of \_\_\_\_\_? behold, now ye have \_\_\_\_\_ his blasphemy. What \_\_\_\_\_ ye? They answered and said, He is \_\_\_\_\_ of death."

**Note:** "The scene passed from the priest's vision. **Christ's words cut him, the Sadducee, to the quick.** Caiaphas had **denied** the doctrine of the resurrection, the judgment, and a future life. **Now he was maddened by satanic fury.** Was this man, a prisoner before him, to assail his most cherished theories? Rending his robe, that the people might see his pretended horror, he demanded that without further preliminaries the prisoner be condemned for blasphemy. 'What further need have we of witnesses?' he said; 'behold, now ye have heard His blasphemy. What think ye?' **And they all condemned Him.**" DA 708.2

**"Conviction mingled with passion led Caiaphas to do as he did.** He was furious with himself for believing Christ's words, and instead of rending his heart under a deep sense of truth, and confessing that Jesus was the Messiah, he rent his priestly robes in determined resistance. This act was deeply significant. Little did Caiaphas realize its meaning. *In this act, done to influence the judges and secure Christ's condemnation, the high priest had condemned himself.* **By the law of God he was disqualified for the priesthood. He had pronounced upon himself the death sentence.**" DA 708.3

"There were **some** in that assembly who heeded the words of Jesus and noted his Godlike bearing as he stood serenely before the infuriated judges. **The gospel seed found lodgment that day in hearts where it was eventually to spring up and yield an abundant harvest.** The **reverence** and **awe** which his words inspired in the hearts of **many** who heard them were to **increase** and **develop into perfect faith in Jesus as the world's Redeemer.** Some of the witnesses of that scene were themselves afterward placed in a similar position to that of Jesus in the judgment hall; and were tried for their lives because they were the disciples of Christ." 5Red 41.2

Once again Caiaphas had a strong C \_\_\_\_\_ that before him stood the Son of God, the J \_\_\_\_\_ of all the earth, but He continued his D \_\_\_\_\_ resistance. This was the \_\_\_\_\_ time this conviction came to him and he resisted it.