

## *Lesson 81: Quench Not the Spirit, part 4*

### **VIII. Grieve Not the Holy Spirit**

**Memory Verse:** "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." **Hebrews 3:12,13**

#### **The Example of the Priests and Rulers – 3**

##### **Q. In Herod's Judgment Hall**

56. The priests and rulers tried to get Pilate to pass the death decree on Jesus, but he did not do it right away. What was Pilate's verdict on Jesus? **Luke 23:4** "Then said

\_\_\_\_\_ to the chief priests and to the people, I \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ in this man."

What accusation did they bring now? **Luke 23:5**

"And they were the more \_\_\_\_\_, saying, He \_\_\_\_\_ up the people, \_\_\_\_\_ throughout \_\_\_\_\_ Jewry, beginning from \_\_\_\_\_ to this place."

57. How did Pilate respond to this accusation? **Luke 23:6,7**

"When Pilate heard of Galilee, he \_\_\_\_\_ whether the man were a \_\_\_\_\_.

And as soon as he \_\_\_\_\_ that he belonged unto \_\_\_\_\_ jurisdiction, he \_\_\_\_\_ him to Herod, who himself also was at \_\_\_\_\_ at that time."

58. What did Herod want from Jesus? **Luke 23:8**

"And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding \_\_\_\_\_: for he was desirous to \_\_\_\_\_ him of a \_\_\_\_\_ season, because he had \_\_\_\_\_ many things of him; and he \_\_\_\_\_ to have seen some \_\_\_\_\_ done by him."

Why did Herod want to see Jesus?

**Note:** "This Herod was he whose hands were stained with the blood of John the Baptist. When Herod first heard of Jesus, he was **terror-stricken**."

**Matthew 14:1,2** "At that time Herod the tetrarch \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, And said unto his \_\_\_\_\_, This is \_\_\_\_\_ the Baptist; he is \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead; and \_\_\_\_\_ mighty \_\_\_\_\_ do shew forth themselves in \_\_\_\_\_."

Yet Herod **desired to see Jesus**. Now there was **opportunity to save the life of this prophet**, and the king hoped to banish forever from his mind the memory of that bloody head brought to him in a charger. He also **desired to have his curiosity gratified**, and thought that if Christ were given any prospect of release, **He would do anything** that was asked of Him." DA 728.3

"A large company of the priests and elders had accompanied Christ to Herod. And when the Saviour was brought in, these dignitaries, all speaking excitedly, **urged their accusations against Him**. But Herod paid little regard to their charges. He commanded silence, desiring an opportunity to question Christ. **He ordered that the fetters of Christ should be unloosed**, at the same time charging His enemies with roughly treating Him. Looking with compassion into the **serene** face of the world's Redeemer, he read in it only **wisdom** and **purity**. He as well as Pilate **was satisfied that Christ had been accused through malice and envy**." DA 729.1

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"Herod questioned Christ in many words, but throughout the Saviour maintained a **profound silence**. At the command of the king, the **decrepit and maimed were then called in, and Christ was ordered to prove His claims by working a miracle**. Men say that Thou canst heal the sick, said Herod. I am anxious to see that Thy widespread fame has not been belied. Jesus did not respond, and Herod still continued to urge: If Thou canst work miracles for others, work them now for Thine own good, and it will serve Thee a good purpose. Again he commanded, **Show us a sign that Thou hast the power with which rumor hath accredited Thee**. But Christ was as one who heard and saw not. The Son of God had taken upon Himself man's nature. **He must do as man must do in like circumstances**. Therefore **He would not work a miracle to save Himself** the pain and humiliation that man must endure when placed in a similar position." DA 729.2

"Herod promised that if Christ would perform some miracle in his presence, He should be released. Christ's accusers had seen with their own eyes the mighty works wrought by His power. They had heard Him command the grave to give up its dead. They had seen the dead come forth obedient to His voice. Fear seized them lest He should now work a miracle. **Of all things they most dreaded an exhibition of His power**. Such a manifestation would prove a deathblow to their plans, and would perhaps cost them their lives. Again the priests and rulers, in great anxiety, urged their accusations against Him. Raising their voices, they declared, **He is a traitor, a blasphemer**. He works His miracles through the power given Him by Beelzebub, the prince of the devils. The hall became a scene of **confusion**, some crying one thing and some another." DA 729.3

"**Herod's conscience was now far less sensitive than when he had trembled with horror at the request of Herodias for the head of John the Baptist**. For a time he had felt the keen stings of remorse for his terrible act; but **his moral perceptions had become more and more degraded by his licentious life**. Now his heart had become so **hardened** that he could even **boast** of the punishment he had inflicted upon John for daring to reprove him. And he now **threatened** Jesus, declaring repeatedly that he had power to release or to condemn Him. **But no sign from Jesus gave evidence that He heard a word**. DA 730.1

59. How did Jesus respond to all of the questionings of Herod? **Luke 23:9,10**

"Then he questioned with him in \_\_\_\_\_ words; but he answered him \_\_\_\_\_. And the chief \_\_\_\_\_ and scribes stood and vehemently \_\_\_\_\_ him."

**Note:** "Herod was irritated by this silence. It seemed to indicate utter **indifference** to his authority. To the vain and pompous king, open rebuke would have been less offensive than to be thus ignored. Again he angrily threatened Jesus, who still remained unmoved and silent." DA 730.2

"**The mission of Christ in this world was not to gratify idle curiosity**. He came to heal the brokenhearted. **Could He have spoken any word to heal the bruises of sin-sick souls, He would not have kept silent**. But He had no words for those who would but **trample** the truth under their unholy feet." DA 730.3

"Christ might have spoken words to Herod that would have pierced the ears of the hardened king. He might have stricken him with fear and trembling by laying before him the full iniquity of his life, and the horror of his approaching doom. **But Christ's silence was the severest rebuke that He could have given**. Herod had rejected the truth spoken to him by the greatest of the prophets, and **no other message** was he to receive. **Not a word had the Majesty of heaven for him**. That ear that had ever been open to human woe, had **no room for Herod's commands**. Those eyes that had ever rested upon the penitent sinner in pitying, forgiving love had **no look to bestow upon Herod**. Those lips that had

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uttered the most impressive truth, that in tones of tenderest entreaty had pleaded with the most sinful and the most degraded, were **closed to the haughty king who felt no need of a Saviour.**" DA 730.4

60. How did Herod respond to the silence of Jesus? **Luke 23:11**

"And Herod with his \_\_\_\_\_ of war set him at \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous \_\_\_\_\_, and sent him again to \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "Herod's face grew dark with passion. Turning to the multitude, **he angrily denounced Jesus as an impostor.** Then to Christ he said, If You will give no evidence of Your claim, I will deliver You up to the soldiers and the people. They may succeed in making You speak. If You are an impostor, death at their hands is only what You merit; if You are the Son of God, save Yourself by working a miracle." DA 730.5

"No sooner were these words spoken than a **rush** was made for Christ. Like wild beasts, the crowd darted upon their prey. Jesus was dragged this way and that, **Herod joining the mob** in seeking to **humiliate** the Son of God. Had not the Roman soldiers interposed, and forced back the maddened throng, the Saviour would have been torn in pieces." DA 731.1

"The Roman soldiers joined in this abuse. All that these wicked, corrupt soldiers, helped on by Herod and the Jewish dignitaries, could instigate was heaped upon the Saviour. **Yet His divine patience failed not.**" DA 731.2

"Christ's persecutors had tried to measure His character by their own; they had represented Him as vile as themselves. **But back of all the present appearance another scene intruded itself, – a scene which they will one day see in all its glory. There were some who trembled in Christ's presence.** While the rude throng were bowing in mockery before Him, some who came forward for that purpose turned back, afraid and silenced. Herod was convicted. The last rays of merciful light were shining upon his sin-hardened heart. **He felt that this was no common man; for divinity had flashed through humanity.** At the very time when Christ was encompassed by mockers, adulterers, and murderers, **Herod felt that he was beholding a God upon His throne.**" DA 731.3

"Hardened as he was, Herod **dared not** ratify the condemnation of Christ. **He wished to relieve himself of the terrible responsibility,** and he sent Jesus back to the Roman judgment hall." DA 731.4  
Herod, too, was C \_\_\_\_\_. HE had been given many chances before this. This conviction did not change the course of Herod's sin-H\_\_\_\_\_ life, though. The priests and rulers were also there and saw His God-like bearing. But nothing could move them from their evil purpose. This was the \_\_\_\_\_ time they rejected evidence.

### **R. To the Thief on the Cross**

61. How did the people around the cross treat Jesus? **Matthew 27:39,40**

"And they that passed by \_\_\_\_\_ him, \_\_\_\_\_ their heads, And saying, \_\_\_\_\_ that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in \_\_\_\_\_ days, \_\_\_\_\_ thyself. \_\_\_\_\_ thou be the Son of \_\_\_\_\_, come \_\_\_\_\_ from the cross."

62. What challenge did the priests and scribes throw out to Him to prove that He was really the Son of God? **Matthew 27:41-43**

"Likewise also the \_\_\_\_\_ priests \_\_\_\_\_ him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved \_\_\_\_\_; himself he \_\_\_\_\_ save. \_\_\_\_\_ he be the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel, let him now come \_\_\_\_\_ from the cross, and we will \_\_\_\_\_ him. He trusted in

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\_\_\_\_\_ ; let him \_\_\_\_\_ him now, \_\_\_\_\_ he will have him: for he said, \_\_\_\_\_ the Son of God."

**Note:** "For three hours Christ hung upon the cross, gazed upon by thousands. Thousands heard the **revilings** of the priests and rulers; they heard the **challenge**, 'Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe.' They heard the **taunt**, 'He saved others; Himself He can not save.' ST, December 8, 1898 par. 2

"Jesus, suffering and dying, heard every word as the priests declared, 'He saved others; Himself He cannot save. Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe.'

**Christ could have come down from the cross. But it is because He would not save Himself that the sinner has hope of pardon and favor with God."** DA 749.1

63. How do the two thieves enter into the general taunting of Jesus?

**Matthew 27:44** "The \_\_\_\_\_ also, which were crucified \_\_\_\_\_ him, cast the \_\_\_\_\_ in his teeth."

**Luke 23:39** "And \_\_\_\_\_ of the malefactors which were hanged \_\_\_\_\_ on him, saying, \_\_\_\_\_ thou be \_\_\_\_\_, save thyself and \_\_\_\_\_."

But how did the other thief react? **Luke 23:40,41**

"But the \_\_\_\_\_ answering \_\_\_\_\_ him, saying, Dost not thou \_\_\_\_\_ God, seeing thou art in the \_\_\_\_\_ condemnation? And we indeed \_\_\_\_\_; for we receive the due \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_: but this man hath done \_\_\_\_\_ amiss."

**Note:** "To Jesus in His agony on the cross there came **one gleam of comfort**. It was the prayer of the penitent thief. **Both** the men who were crucified with Jesus **had at first railed upon Him**; and one under his suffering only became more desperate and defiant. But not so with his companion. This man was not a hardened criminal; **he had been led astray by evil associations**, but he was less guilty than many of those who stood beside the cross reviling the Saviour. He had seen and heard Jesus, and had been convicted by His teaching, but **he had been turned away from Him by the priests and rulers**. Seeking to stifle conviction, he had plunged deeper and deeper into sin, until he was arrested, tried as a criminal, and condemned to die on the cross. In the judgment hall and on the way to Calvary he had been in company with Jesus. He had heard Pilate declare, 'I find no fault in Him.' John 19:4. **He had marked His godlike bearing, and His pitying forgiveness of His tormentors**. On the cross he sees the many great religionists shoot out the tongue with scorn, and ridicule the Lord Jesus. He sees the wagging heads. He hears the upbraiding speeches taken up by his companion in guilt: 'If Thou be Christ, save Thyself and us.' Among the passers-by he hears many defending Jesus. He hears them repeat His words, and tell of His works. **The conviction comes back to him that this is the Christ**. Turning to his fellow criminal he says, 'Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?' The dying thieves have no longer anything to fear from man. But upon one of them presses the **conviction** that there is a God to fear, a future to cause him to tremble. And now, all sin-polluted as it is, his life history is about to close. 'And we indeed justly,' he moans; 'for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this Man hath done nothing amiss.' " DA 749.3

64. What request does he make of Jesus? **Luke 23:42**

"And he said unto Jesus, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ me when thou \_\_\_\_\_ into

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thy kingdom."

**Note:** "There is no question now. There are no doubts, no reproaches. When condemned for his crime, the thief had become **hopeless** and **despairing**; but strange, tender thoughts now spring up. **He calls to mind all he has heard of Jesus**, how He has healed the sick and **pardoned sin**. He has heard the words of those who believed in Jesus and followed Him weeping. He has seen and read the title above the Saviour's head. He has heard the passers-by repeat it, some with griefed, quivering lips, others with jesting and mockery. **The Holy Spirit illuminates his mind, and little by little the chain of evidence is joined together. In Jesus, bruised, mocked, and hanging upon the cross, he sees the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.** Hope is mingled with anguish in his voice as the helpless, dying soul casts himself upon a dying Saviour. 'Lord, remember me,' he cries, 'when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.' " DA 750.1

65. How did Jesus answer this repentant thief's plea? **Luke 23:43**

"And Jesus said unto him, Verily I \_\_\_\_\_ unto thee, To \_\_\_\_\_ shalt thou be \_\_\_\_\_ me in paradise."

**Note:** "But, altho dying the ignominious death of the cross, **Christ died as one who had endured the test and proving of God**. He lost none of His divine power as a sin-pardoning Saviour. When the dying thief said, 'Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom,' **Jesus manifested His divine attributes**. The repentant sinner need not wait until Christ shall receive His coronation. Before the spectators about the cross, **Jesus shows that even in His suffering humanity He has power to forgive sin**. Tho nailed to the cross, His hand is not weakened that it can not save. His ear is not heavy that it can not hear. **Divinity flashes through humanity**. From those pale and quivering lips the words are **distinctly heard by the dying penitent and by all surrounding the cross**, 'Verily I say unto thee today, Thou shalt be with Me in paradise.' " ST, December 8, 1898 par. 2

**"Through the veil of suffering humanity break forth the beams of the Sun of Righteousness to that poor, repentant soul. The dark cloud that has veiled Christ's humanity is rent away, and mercy, love, and pardon, His power to save unto the uttermost all that come unto Him, are made manifest."** ST, December 8, 1898 par. 3

"This was a **rebuke** to His crucifiers and the apparently heedless mob, who were taking up the words of mockery of the priests and rulers. While in the power of deceived religious zealots, who were closing the door of paradise to themselves, He, the sin-pardoner, opened the door for the entrance of the thief when he should rise from the dead with those who believe on Christ. At the very time when Satan and all his synagogue united with priests and rulers to humiliate Him who made the earth and all that is therein, **He revealed His God-head, His redeeming power**, and bestowed the most precious gift that can come to mortal man. He spoke the **words of life-giving power** at the very time when principalities and powers and the rulers of the darkness of this world thought that they had laid His kingly claim in the dust. **His kingly power is not exercised in coming down from the cross to give proof that He is the Son of God; but He shows that His death is life-giving power for all who will believe in Him. He asserts His divine prerogative**, and assures the poor sinner, 'Verily I say unto thee today, Thou shalt be with Me in paradise.' " ST, December 8, 1898 par. 4

"The **stubborn** priests and rulers may taunt Him, and ridicule His claims of sonship with God. They may mock Him in His dying agony, and forever close to themselves the gate of paradise, notwithstanding their claims to piety and knowledge; **but the thief who has received Him, who has believed on Him in His humiliation, shall have life with Christ in the paradise of God.**" ST, December 8, 1898 par. 5

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By His answer to the penitent thief, the priests and rulers got another evidence that He is the Son of \_\_\_\_\_. This was the \_\_\_\_\_ time they were given this evidence.

### **S. The Priests and Rulers Had Set Themselves Against Christ**

66. How did the priests and rulers react to the evidences of Christ's divinity and why?

**John 5:38** "And ye have \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ abiding in you: for whom \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_, him ye \_\_\_\_\_ not."

**Note:** As at different times during Christ's work divinity flashed through humanity, and He stood transfigured before the people, the Jewish leaders were deeply impressed. But as they talked it over with one another, **their unbelief strengthened**, and **the evidence that should have convinced them was rejected**. The strongest evidence was no evidence to them, while the weakest, most superficial arguments, if against the truth which the Saviour brought, were sound in their estimation. **They had started upon a path leading to eternal ruin.**" RH, March 26, 1901 par. 7

67. Did they have any excuse for this? **John 5:39,40** Search the \_\_\_\_\_; for in them ye \_\_\_\_\_ ye have \_\_\_\_\_ life: and they are they which \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. And ye \_\_\_\_\_ come to me, that ye might have \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "They had in their possession the word of God, and they **supposed** that they knew its teachings. They were **indignant** that this new teacher should tell them to search the Scriptures." RH, 3-26-01 par. 8

"Christ saw that the Jewish teachers **misinterpreted** the word of God, and **He urged upon them a more diligent study of its precepts**. In Him were fast being fulfilled the types and shadows of the Jewish economy. If they searched the Scriptures as they should, **they would find that He claimed nothing which was not rightfully His.**" RH, March 26, 1901 par. 9

"Had the Jews searched God's word as they should, they would have seen that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah. **But they searched with proud, selfish ambition as a guide, and they found a Messiah of their own imagination.** Therefore when the Saviour came, a **humble** man, bringing to naught by His teaching long-established theories and traditions, presenting truth entirely opposite to their practices, they said, Who is this **invader** that dares to set aside our authority? **Christ did not come as they had expected; therefore they refused to receive Him**, and called Him a deceiver and an impostor. Instead of listening to Him that they might **learn** the truth, **they listened with evil intent, that they might find something over which to cavil** [argue about it to avoid it]. And when once they had set their feet in the path of the great leader in rebellion, it was an easy matter for Satan to strengthen them in opposition. Christ's wonderful works, which God meant to be **heaven-sent evidence** to them, Satan caused them to **interpret** against Him. **The more marked the way in which God spoke to them by His works of mercy and love, the more confirmed did they become in their resistance.** Blinded by prejudice, they refused to acknowledge that Jesus is divine. RH, March 26, 1901 par. 10

68. What did Jesus further tell them? **John 5:42,43**

"But I \_\_\_\_\_ you, that ye have \_\_\_\_\_ the love of God \_\_\_\_\_ you. I am \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_ name, and ye receive me \_\_\_\_\_: if another shall come in his \_\_\_\_\_ name, him ye \_\_\_\_\_ receive.

"I know you,' Christ declared to the Pharisees, 'that ye have not the love of God in you.' **He spoke to**

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them thus plainly because they could not discern His divinity under the veil of humanity. He was God in human flesh, and He could not but work the works of God. Unbelief, prejudice, and jealousy beat about Him, and if His humanity had not been united with divinity, He would have failed and become discouraged. **At times His divinity flashed through humanity, and He stood forth as the Son of God, His veil of flesh too transparent to hide His majesty.** But the men who claimed to be the expositors of the prophecies refused to believe that He was the Christ. Satan had control of their minds, and they utterly refused to acknowledge the divinity of Jesus of Nazareth." RH, March 26, 1901 par. 12

"**Christ did not frame His words to accommodate the pretentious pride of a deceived, self-righteous people.** 'I know you,' He said, 'that ye have not the love of God in you. I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.' **Jesus came by the authority of God, bearing His image, seeking His glory, fulfilling His word. His mission bore the divine credentials.** But His work failed to convince the hearts that were steeled by prejudice. Yet when others should come, assuming the **title** of Christ without giving **genuine evidence** that they were sent by **God**, speaking on the authority of their **own** finite judgment, acting for their **own glory, they would be received because their theories agreed with cherished ideas and opinions.**" RH, March 26, 1901 par. 14

69. Jesus referred them back to Moses who wrote of Him. Jesus was in harmony with Moses because Moses was inspired by HIM. **John 5:44-47**

"How can ye \_\_\_\_\_, which receive honour one of \_\_\_\_\_, and seek \_\_\_\_\_ the honour that cometh from \_\_\_\_\_ only? Do not think that \_\_\_\_\_ will accuse you to the Father: there is one that \_\_\_\_\_ you, even \_\_\_\_\_, in whom ye \_\_\_\_\_. For had ye \_\_\_\_\_ Moses, ye \_\_\_\_\_ have believed me: for he \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. But if ye believe not \_\_\_\_\_ writings, \_\_\_\_\_ shall ye believe \_\_\_\_\_ words?"

**Note:** "Moses spoke only the words which the Great Teacher, enshrouded in the pillar of cloud, bade him speak. **The writings of Moses presented types of the Messiah and promises of His coming.** All these would condemn the Jews, because they professed to believe Moses. Had they really believed him, they would have welcomed the One of whom he wrote." RH, March 26, 1901 par. 16

"As Christ spoke, the scribes and Pharisees listened to words such as they had never heard before. But instead of receiving the speaker as the long-expected Messiah, **they angrily rejected His claims.** He questioned their doctrine, and this was regarded by them as a sin never to be forgiven. They were **determined** to stand by their traditions and commandments. **They would teach them just as strenuously as if no counter-influence had been exerted to correct their errors and deceptions.**" RH, March 26, 1901 par. 17

70. Why were the Jews condemned and rejected at last? John 3:19,20

"And this is the condemnation, that \_\_\_\_\_ is come into the world, and men loved \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_, because their \_\_\_\_\_ were evil. For \_\_\_\_\_ one that \_\_\_\_\_ evil \_\_\_\_\_ the light, neither \_\_\_\_\_ to the light, lest his \_\_\_\_\_ should be \_\_\_\_\_."

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How many times were the Jews convicted that Jesus was the Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

When they heard of His B\_\_\_\_\_ through the shepherds and wise men.

When He came to their school at the temple and asked them Q\_\_\_\_\_.

When He cleansed the T\_\_\_\_\_.

When He read the Scriptures at N\_\_\_\_\_.

In all His T\_\_\_\_\_.

When He healed the W\_\_\_\_\_ hand.

At the Feast of Tabernacles when He pointed to Himself as the L\_\_\_\_\_ of the World.

When the O\_\_\_\_\_ who were sent to arrest Him came back without Him.

When Jesus claimed His Oneness with the F\_\_\_\_\_.

When Jesus raised L\_\_\_\_\_ from the dead.

When He cleansed the T\_\_\_\_\_ again.

When He was arrested by the mob in the G\_\_\_\_\_ of Gethemane.

When He stood before C\_\_\_\_\_ and made a prophecy of His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.

When He was mocked as king by H\_\_\_\_\_ and His soldiers and the mob.

When He forgave the penitent T\_\_\_\_\_ on the cross.

These were only the times that we studied in this lesson. **Every act of His life gave convincing evidence of His divinity.** But they wanted a **different** Messiah. They wanted a Messiah that did things the **WAY they** wanted him to do them. But this kind of Messiah was not P\_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture, so when Jesus came according to the prophecies, they would N\_\_\_\_\_ see that they had **misinterpreted** the prophecies and they R\_\_\_\_\_ Him.

### **T. Even the Disciples Did Not Fully Appreciate Him until After Pentecost**

71. What did the disciples realize *after* Jesus had gone back to heaven? **John 1:14**

"And the Word was made \_\_\_\_\_, and dwelt \_\_\_\_\_ us, (and we \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_, the glory as of the \_\_\_\_\_ begotten of the \_\_\_\_\_,) full of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "Christ was the foundation of the whole system of Jewish worship, and in it was shadowed forth the living reality, – the manifestation of God in Christ. Through the sacrificial system men could see Christ's personality and look forward to their divine Saviour. **But when he stood before them, representing the invisible God,** – for in him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, – **they were not able to discern his divine character because of their want of spirituality.** Their own prophets had foretold him as a Deliverer. ... But though his **character** and **mission** had been so **plainly** delineated, though he came unto his own, his own received him not. **Occasionally divinity flashed through humanity, the glory escaped through the disguise of the flesh,** and brought forth an **expression of homage from his disciples.** But it was **not until** Christ ascended to his Father, **not until** the descent of the Holy Spirit, **that the disciples fully appreciated the character and the mission of Christ.** After the baptism of the Holy Spirit **they began to realize that they had been in the very presence of the Lord of life and glory.** As the Holy Spirit brought the sayings of Christ to their remembrance, their



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understanding was opened to **comprehend the prophecies**, to **understand** the mighty miracles which he had wrought. The **wonders** of his life, in all its sacredness, greatness, and glory, passed before them, and **they were as men wakened from a dream**. They realized that 'the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.' **They seemed of much less importance in their own eyes**, after their awakening to the fact that Christ had been among them, than they did before they realized this. They **never wearied** of rehearsing every item which had come under their notice in connection with his words and works. **They were often filled with remorse at their stupidity and unbelief and misapprehension as they recalled his lessons of instruction which they had but dimly understood** when he had spoken them in their presence, and which now came to them as a fresh revelation. **The Scriptures became a new book to them.**" RH, April 23, 1895 par. 2

72. What did the disciples do first after Jesus returned to heaven? **Acts 1:14**

"These \_\_\_\_\_ continued with one accord in \_\_\_\_\_ and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."

What promise did they repeat? **John 16:24**

"Hitherto have ye asked \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_: ask, and ye shall \_\_\_\_\_, that your \_\_\_\_\_ may be \_\_\_\_\_."

What gave them such great faith? **Romans 8:34**

They **knew** that "It is \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_, yea rather, that is \_\_\_\_\_ again, who \_\_\_\_\_ even at the \_\_\_\_\_ hand of God, who also maketh \_\_\_\_\_ for us."

**Note:** "With joy the disciples related to their brethren the news of their Lord's ascension. **They now felt that they had a Friend at the throne of God, and were eager to prefer their requests to the Father in the name of Jesus.** They gathered together **in solemn awe** and bowed in prayer, repeating to each other the assurance of the Saviour, 'Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.' During the ten days following the ascension, they, with one accord, devoted the time to prayer and praise, waiting for the descent of the Holy Ghost. **They extended the hand of faith higher and higher**, with the mighty argument, 'It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.'" 3SP 258.1

73. The disciples began to comprehend the mystery of the life of Christ. **1 Timothy 3:16**

"And without controversy \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of godliness: God was \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, justified in the \_\_\_\_\_, seen of \_\_\_\_\_, preached unto the \_\_\_\_\_, believed on in the \_\_\_\_\_, received up into glory."

**Note:** "The Saviour came into the world, outwardly the son of David, not manifesting the full significance of his character. His spirit was subject to that discipline and experience through which humanity must in some measure pass. His divinity was veiled beneath humanity. **He hid within himself those all-powerful attributes which belonged to him as one equal with God. At times his divine character flashed forth with such wonderful power that all who were capable of discerning spiritual things pronounced him the Son of God.**" 3SP 259.1

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74. What did they realize about Christ? **Philippians 2:6-9**

"Who, \_\_\_\_\_ in the form of \_\_\_\_\_, thought it not robbery to be \_\_\_\_\_ with God: But \_\_\_\_\_ himself of \_\_\_\_\_ reputation, and took upon him the form of a \_\_\_\_\_, and was made in the \_\_\_\_\_ of men: And being found in fashion as a \_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_ himself, and became \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_, even the death of the \_\_\_\_\_. Wherefore God also hath highly \_\_\_\_\_ him, and given him a \_\_\_\_\_ which is \_\_\_\_\_ every name."

**Note:** "Jesus, the Majesty of Heaven, humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross; 'wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.' This mighty Saviour has promised to come again, and to take his church to the mansions he has prepared for them. While he is in Heaven carrying on the work of intercession and atonement commenced on earth, his life and character are to be exemplified by his church upon earth."  
3SP 261.1

75. What has Jesus promised His people? **John 14:12**

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that \_\_\_\_\_ on me, the \_\_\_\_\_ that I do shall he \_\_\_\_\_ also; and \_\_\_\_\_ works than these shall he do; \_\_\_\_\_ I go unto my \_\_\_\_\_."

**John 15:16** "Ye have \_\_\_\_\_ chosen \_\_\_\_\_, but I have chosen \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ you, that ye should \_\_\_\_\_ and bring forth \_\_\_\_\_, and that your fruit should \_\_\_\_\_: that whatsoever ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father in my name, he may \_\_\_\_\_ it you."

**Note:** "He who considered it not robbery to be equal with God, **once trod the earth, bearing our suffering and sorrowing nature**, and tempted in all points like as we are; and **now he appears in the presence of God as our great High Priest**, ready to accept the repentance, and to answer the prayers of his people, and, through the merits of his own righteousness, to present them to the Father. He raises his wounded hands to God, and claims their blood-bought pardon. I have graven them on the palms of my hands, he pleads. **Those memorial wounds of my humiliation and anguish secure to my church the best gifts of Omnipotence.**" 3SP 261.2

**"What a source of joy to the disciples, to know that they had such a Friend in Heaven to plead in their behalf!** Through the **visible ascension** of Christ all their views and contemplation of Heaven are changed. Their minds had formerly dwelt upon it as a region of unlimited space, tenanted by spirits without substance. **Now Heaven was connected with the thought of Jesus, whom they** had loved and revered above all others, with whom they had conversed and journeyed, whom they had handled, even in his resurrected body, who had spoken hope and comfort to their hearts, and who, while the words were upon his lips, had been taken up before their eyes, the tones of his voice coming back to them as the cloudy chariot of angels received him: 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.' "  
3SP 262.1

### U. What about Us?

76. What happened to Pharaoh and to the Pharisees **could** also happen to **us** if we **choose** to ignore, neglect, or reject God's call to our hearts. God revealed His truth and

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goodness and love many times to them, but **they chose to reject it.**

What is the purpose of God's goodness and love to us? **Romans 2:4**

"Or despisest thou the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; not \_\_\_\_\_ that the goodness of God \_\_\_\_\_ thee to \_\_\_\_\_?"

**Note:** "Christ is the **source** of every right impulse. He is the **only** one that can implant in the heart enmity against sin. Every desire for truth and purity, every conviction of our own sinfulness, is an **evidence that His Spirit is moving upon our hearts.**" SC 26.3

"**In dying for sinners, Christ manifested a love that is incomprehensible;** and as the sinner beholds this love, it softens the heart, impresses the mind, and inspires contrition in the soul." SC 26.4

"The sinner may resist this love, may refuse to be drawn to Christ; **but if he does not resist** he will be **drawn** to Jesus; a knowledge of the plan of salvation will **lead him** to the foot of the cross in **repentance** for his sins, which have **caused** the sufferings of God's dear Son." SC 27.2

77. Does God's love and mercy take away His justice? **Romans 2:5-8**

"But after thy \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ heart treasureth up unto thyself \_\_\_\_\_ against the day of \_\_\_\_\_ and revelation of the righteous \_\_\_\_\_ of God; Who will \_\_\_\_\_ to every man \_\_\_\_\_ to his deeds: To them who by patient \_\_\_\_\_ in well doing \_\_\_\_\_ for glory and honour and immortality, \_\_\_\_\_ life: But unto them that are \_\_\_\_\_, and do not \_\_\_\_\_ the truth, but obey unrighteousness, \_\_\_\_\_ and wrath."

**Note:** "But **let none deceive themselves** with the thought that God, in His great love and mercy, will yet save even the **rejecters** of His grace. The **exceeding sinfulness of sin** can be estimated **only** in the light of the cross. When men urge that God is too good to cast off the sinner, let them look to Calvary. It was **because** there was **no other way** in which man could be saved,

**because** without this sacrifice it was **impossible** for the human race to **escape** from the **defiling power of sin**, and be **restored** to communion with holy beings, – **impossible** for them again to become partakers of spiritual life, – it was **because** of this that Christ took upon Himself the **guilt** of the disobedient and suffered in the sinner's stead.

The love and suffering and death of the Son of God all testify to the **terrible enormity of sin** and declare that there is **no escape from its power**, **no hope of the higher life, but through the submission of the soul to Christ.**" SC 31.2

78. Can we excuse ourselves because others are not obedient to God? **Romans 2:1**

"Therefore thou art \_\_\_\_\_, O man, whosoever thou art that \_\_\_\_\_: for wherein thou judgest another, thou \_\_\_\_\_ thyself; for thou that judgest \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ things."

"The **impenitent** sometimes excuse themselves by saying of **professed** Christians, 'I am as good as they are. They are no more self-denying, sober, or circumspect in their conduct than I am. They love pleasure and self-indulgence as well as I do.' Thus they make the faults of others an **excuse** for their own neglect of duty.

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But the sins and defects of others do not excuse anyone,  
for the Lord has not given us an erring human pattern.

The spotless Son of God has been given as our example,  
and those who complain of the wrong course of professed Christians  
are the ones who **should show better lives and nobler examples.**

If they have so high a conception of what a Christian should be,  
is not their own sin so much the greater?

They **know** what is right, and yet **refuse** to do it." SC 32.1

79. Christ is calling all. To what is He calling us? **Luke 5:32**

"I came not to \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous, but \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_."

What is the last invitation given in the Bible? **Revelation 22:17**

"And the Spirit and the bride say, \_\_\_\_\_. And let him that \_\_\_\_\_ say,  
\_\_\_\_\_. And let him that is \_\_\_\_\_ come. And whosoever \_\_\_\_\_, let him  
\_\_\_\_\_ the water of life \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "The same divine mind that is working upon the things of nature is **speaking to the hearts of men** and creating an **inexpressible craving for something they have not**. The things of the world **cannot** satisfy their longing. The Spirit of God is **pleading** with them to seek for those things that **alone** can give peace and rest – the grace of Christ, the joy of holiness. **Through influences seen and unseen**, our Saviour is **constantly** at work to **attract the minds of men** from the **unsatisfying** pleasures of sin to the **infinite blessings** that may be theirs in Him. To all these souls, who are **vainly** seeking to drink from the **broken cisterns of this world**, the divine message is addressed, 'Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.' Revelation 22:17." SC 28.1

"You who in heart long for something better than this world can give, **recognize this longing as the voice of God to your soul.**" SC 28.2

80. What should we do when we recognize the call of God? **Hebrews 3:7,8**

Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To \_\_\_\_\_ if ye will \_\_\_\_\_ his voice, Harden \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the \_\_\_\_\_):

**Hebrews 3:12,13** "Take \_\_\_\_\_, brethren, lest there be in \_\_\_\_\_ of you an \_\_\_\_\_ heart of \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ from the living \_\_\_\_\_. But \_\_\_\_\_ one another \_\_\_\_\_, while it is called To day; lest \_\_\_\_\_ of you be \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Hebrews 12:25** "See that ye \_\_\_\_\_ him that \_\_\_\_\_. For if they escaped \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ him that spake on earth, much \_\_\_\_\_ shall not \_\_\_\_\_ escape, if we turn \_\_\_\_\_ from him that speaketh from \_\_\_\_\_."

**Romans 6:13** "Neither \_\_\_\_\_ ye your members as instruments of \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_: but \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves unto \_\_\_\_\_, as those that are \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead, and your members as instruments of \_\_\_\_\_ unto God."

We should not H\_\_\_\_\_ our hearts with U\_\_\_\_\_ or allowing S\_\_\_\_\_

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to D\_\_\_\_\_ us. We should not R\_\_\_\_\_ Him that S\_\_\_\_\_ to our soul. Instead of Y\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves as instruments of U\_\_\_\_\_, we should Y\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves unto \_\_\_\_\_ as instruments of R\_\_\_\_\_.

**Note: "Beware of procrastination.**

Do not put off the work of **forsaking** your sins and **seeking** purity of heart through Jesus.

Here is where thousands upon thousands have **erred to their eternal loss**.

I will not here dwell upon the **shortness** and **uncertainty** of life;

but there is **a terrible danger** – a danger not sufficiently understood –

in **delaying to yield** to the pleading voice of God's Holy Spirit,

in **choosing** to live in sin; for such this delay really is.

**SIN**, however **small** it may be **esteemed**, can be **indulged** in **only** at the **peril of infinite loss**.

**What we do not overcome, will overcome us and work out our **destruction**.**" SC 32.2

We will either yield to one or the other of the two powers contending for the throne of our hearts. The choice we make has eternal consequences. We have the freedom to choose either one.

**Romans 6:16** "Know ye not, that to \_\_\_\_\_ ye \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, his servants ye \_\_\_\_\_ to whom ye \_\_\_\_\_; whether of \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_, or of obedience unto \_\_\_\_\_?"

**Deuteronomy 30:19** "I call heaven and earth to \_\_\_\_\_ this day against you, that I have \_\_\_\_\_ before you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_: therefore \_\_\_\_\_ life, that both thou and thy seed may \_\_\_\_\_."

Every choice we make affects us so that we are more likely to make the same kind of choice again. If we choose to obey God today, we are more likely to choose to obey God next time. If we choose to obey sin and Satan, we are more likely to do it again and again.

By continuously choosing the path of disobedience, we harden our hearts until there is nothing that will get us to turn to God. After many, many invitations of the Holy Spirit to yield ourselves to God, if we continue to say "No" to the Holy Spirit, we finally get to the place where we don't even "hear" His promptings anymore. We think that wrong is right and right is wrong. "In rejecting the warnings of God's Spirit, Israel had rejected the only means of help. There was no other power by which they could be delivered." DA 587.2

In this generation there are many who are treading on the same ground as were the unbelieving Jews. ... God sends them warnings and reproof, but they are not willing to confess their errors, and they reject His message and His messenger. The very means He uses for their recovery becomes to them a stone of stumbling. DA 587.4

But the opposite is also true. By continuously choosing to obey God, our hearts become more sensitive to His promptings and invitations and we become more and more like Jesus. If we continue to say "Yes" to the Holy Spirit, we finally get to the place where Satan's temptations have no power over us. When he tempts us, we immediately flee to Christ and overcome in His power. This is how we become sealed.

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