"REPAIRERS of the BREACH"

Ted N.C. Wilson



"Three times has He uttered that prayer. Three times has humanity shrunk from the last, crowning sacrifice. But now the history of the human race comes up before the world's Redeemer. He sees that the transgressors of the law, if left to themselves, must perish. He sees the helplessness of man. He sees the power of sin. The woes and lamentations of a doomed world rise before Him. He beholds its impending fate, and His decision is made. He will save man at any cost to Himself.

"He accepts His baptism of blood, that through Him perishing millions may gain everlasting life. He has left the courts of heaven, where all is purity, happiness, and glory, to save the one lost sheep, the one world that has fallen by transgression. And He will not turn from His mission. He will become the propitiation of a race that has willed to sin. His prayer now breathes only submission: 'If this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done.'...

"Having made the decision, He fell dying to the ground from which He had partially risen. . . . The Saviour trod the wine press alone, and of the people there was none with Him. But God suffered with His Son. Angels beheld the Saviour's agony. They saw their Lord enclosed by legions of satanic forces, His nature weighed down with a shuddering, mysterious dread

"There was silence in heaven. No harp was touched. Could mortals have viewed the amazement of the angelic host as in silent grief they watched the Father separating His beams of light, love, and glory from His beloved Son, they would better understand how offensive in His sight is sin." (*The Desire of Ages*, pp. 690, 693) ied pered Me. our heart? I have 4 held My ar Me? righteousness fit you. idols deliver y them all

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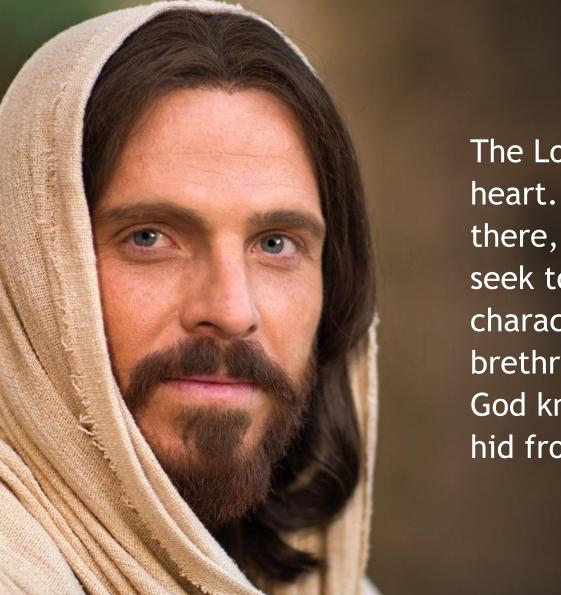
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In doing this you will be working in lines of Christ's ministry. The Master's holy work was a benevolent work. Let our people everywhere be encouraged to have a part in it." (Welfare Ministry, p. 29)



All our praying and abstinence from food will avail nothing unless we resolutely lay hold of this work. Sacred obligations are resting upon us. Our duty is plainly stated. The Lord has spoken to us by His prophet. The thoughts of the Lord and His ways are not what blind, selfish mortals believe they are or wish them to be.



The Lord looks on the heart. If selfishness dwells there, He knows it. We may seek to conceal our true character from our brethren and sisters, but God knows. Nothing can be hid from Him.

-Welfare Ministry, p. 30

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"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set a liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." -Isaiah 61:18, 19





"He who showed mercy on him." -Luke 10:37

"The lesson is not less needed in the world today than when it fell from the lips of Jesus. Selfishness and cold formality have wellnigh extinguished the fire of love and dispelled the graces that should make fragrant the character. Many who profess His name have lost sight of the fact that Christians are to represent Christ.

"Unless there is practical self-sacrifice for the good of others, in the family circle, in the neighborhood, in the church, and wherever we may be, then whatever our profession, we are not Christians." -The Desire of Ages, p. 504



"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'" -Ministry of Healing, p. 143

"Again and again I have been instructed that the medical missionary work is to bear the same relation to the work of the third angel's message that the arm and hand bear to the body. . . . The medical missionary work should be a part of the work of every church in our land. Disconnected from the church it would soon become a strange medley of disorganized atoms....



"The gospel ministry is needed to give permanence and stability to the medical missionary work; and the ministry needs the medical missionary work to demonstrate the practical working of the gospel. Neither part of the work is complete without the other. . . . The union that should exist between the medical missionary work and the ministry is clearly set forth in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. There is wisdom and blessing for those who will engage in the work as here presented. This chapter is explicit, and there is in it enough to enlighten anyone who wishes to do the will of God.

"It presents abundant opportunity to minister to suffering humanity, and at the same time to be an instrument in God's hands of bringing the light of truth before a perishing world. If the work of the third angel's message is carried on in right lines, the ministry will not be given an inferior place, nor will the poor and sick be neglected.

"In His word God has united these two lines of work and no man should divorce them. . . . Then let no line be drawn between the genuine medical missionary work and the gospel ministry. Let these two blend in giving the invitation: 'Come, for all things are now ready.' Let them be joined in an inseparable union, even as the arm is joined to the body."

-Testimonies for the Church, vol. 6, pp. 288-291

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- 4. The glory of the Lord will guard us.

"If you engage in this work of mercy and love, will the work prove too hard for you? Will you fail and be crushed under the burden, and your family be deprived of your assistance and influence? Oh no; God has carefully removed all doubts upon this question, by a pledge to you on condition of your obedience. This promise covers all that the most exacting, the most hesitating, could crave, 'Then shall thy light break forth as the morning and thine health shall spring forth speedily." -Welfare Ministry, p. 31

 We will call on the Lord and He will answer saying, "Here I am." We will call on the Lord and He will answer saying, "Here I am." 2. If we remove the heavy burden we place on others by our faultfinding and gossip and stop pointing fingers and criticizing others but rather help them with their needs, then light like noon day will dawn in the darkness.

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"With the work of advocating the commandments of God and repairing the breach that has been made in the law of God, we are to mingle compassion for suffering humanity. . . . Love revealed for suffering humanity gives significance and power to the truth. . . . It is only by an unselfish interest in those in need of help that we can give a practical demonstration of the truths of the gospel." –*Welfare Ministry*, p. 32

"The great facts of creation as presented by the inspired writers, the fall of man, the atonement, and the perpetuity of the law of God, are practically rejected, either wholly or in part, by a large share of the professedly Christian world. Thousands who pride themselves upon their wisdom and independence regard it as an evidence of weakness to place implicit confidence in the Bible; they think it a proof of superior talent and learning to cavil at the Scriptures and to spiritualize and explain away their most important truths. . . .

"In rejecting the truth, men reject its Author. In trampling upon the law of God, they deny the authority of the Lawgiver. . . . No error accepted by the Christian world strikes more boldly against the authority of Heaven, none is more directly opposed to the dictates of reason, none is more pernicious in its results, than the modern doctrine, so rapidly gaining ground, that God's law is no longer binding upon men." –*The Great Controversy*, pp. 583, 584

"The essence of sin is selfishness-doing what one pleases, irrespective of God or man. The Sabbath day presents man with an opportunity to subdue selfishness and cultivate the habit of doing things that are pleasing to God and that contribute to the well-being of others. Rightly understood and observed, the Sabbath is the key to man's happiness both here and in the hereafter.

"True Sabbath observance will lead to the work of reformation pictured in Isaiah 58:5-12. Those who do not enter into the spirit of the Sabbath as God ordained it, little realize what they are missing. The Sabbath is one of the greatest blessings bestowed upon men by a loving Creator." – Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, vol.4, p. 307

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"Much more than mere sermonizing is included in preaching the gospel. The ignorant are to be enlightened; the discouraged are to be uplifted; the sick are to be healed.

"The human voice is to act its part in God's work. Words of tenderness, sympathy, and love are to witness to the truth. Earnest, heartfelt prayers are to bring the angels near. . . . The Lord will give you success in this work. . . .

"It is interwoven with the practical life, when it is lived and practiced. The union of Christlike work for the body and Christlike work for the soul is the true interpretation of the gospel." *—Welfare Ministry*, pp. 32-33



"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'" –Matthew 25:34-40



"Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then he will come to claim them as His own." -Christ's Object Lessons, p. 69



"God's servants who are doing genuine medical missionary work have a most solemn, sacred responsibility resting upon them to keep in view Christ's life of unselfish service. They should turn their eyes from everything else, and look until Jesus, the Author and the Finisher of their faith." — Medical Ministry, p. 21

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-Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, p. 19

2. To daily live the three angels' messages in a practical manner turning people back to the true worship of God as He restores His image in human beings.

"If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." –2 Chronicles 7:17

"A revival of true godliness among use is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work . . . a revival need be expected only in answer to prayer."

-Selected Messages, Book 1, p. 121

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." *—Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 117

"Consecrate yourself to God in the morning; make this your very first work. Let your prayer be, 'Take me, O Lord, as wholly Thine. I lay all my plans at Thy feet. Use me today in Thy service. Abide with me and let all my work be wrought in Thee.' This is a daily matter."

-Steps to Christ, p. 70

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body." –2 Corinthians 4:7-10

