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# Edson White: From Prodigal to Missionary

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### Ellen White's Last Devotional Talk

"Once I was young like you. God called me in my youth to be His messenger. I put His armor on and I have never taken it off. Young people, when you start to follow God never turn back, but keep on until your work is done ... so long as I live, I shall never take the armor off."

EGW speaking at Pacific Union College as reported by Alma McKibbin







### The Whole Armor of God – Converted and Consecrated

"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand the evil day and have done all to stand, stand therefore...." Ephesians 6:11-13







While we no longer have Ellen White's living prophetic voice, we still have expansive and complex stories connecting God's revelation and inspired guidance to her remarkable life circumstances and the experience of others.







"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us."

2 Cor 4:7 (NKJV)





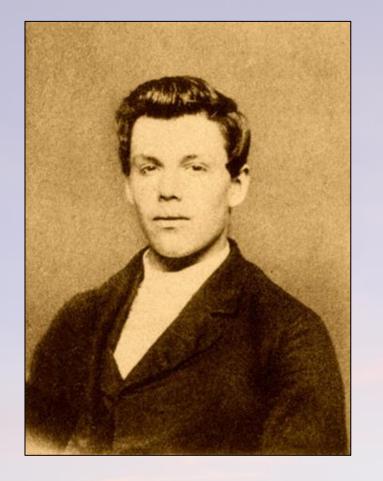
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"One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

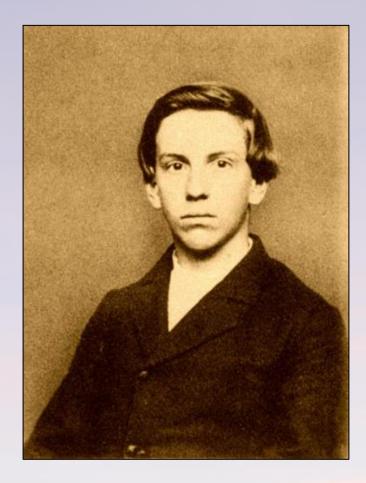
Ps. 145:4 (ESV)



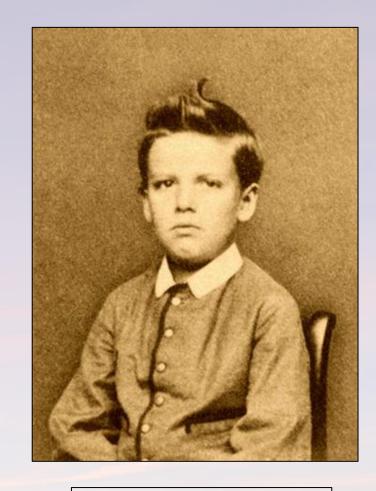




#### Henry White



#### Edson White



#### William White





#### The White Family 1864









Edson & Emma White at the time of their marriage, July 28, 1870







#### Edson and Emma White Home in Wright, Michigan







#### Ellen G. White Circa 1899 (Colorized)







### Ellen G. White, Letter 124, 1893

"I prayed in an agony of mind for a long time, under a sense of the terrible fact that one of my two sons—all left of my family—had joined the enemy's ranks and was refusing the salvation purchased for him by the Son of God...





#### Ellen G. White, Letter 124, 1893

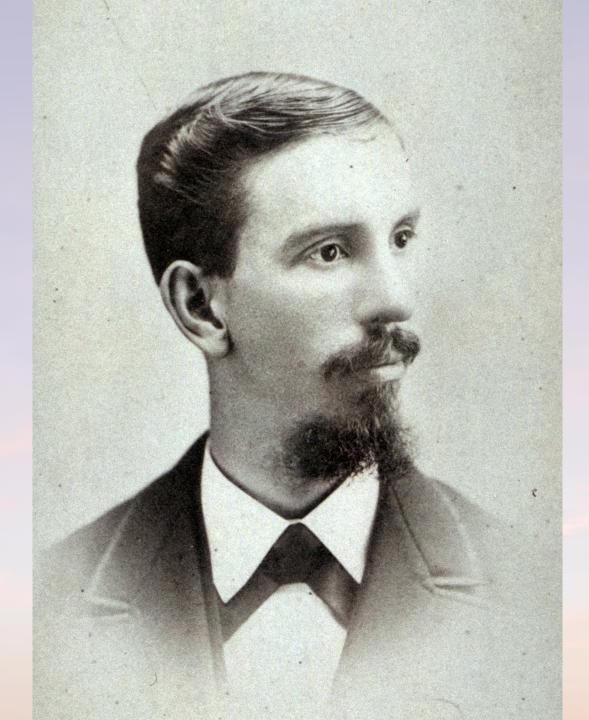
"My soul is drawn out in pity and warning to you. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found . . . [quoting Is. 55:6, 7]. Oh, wound not Jesus, the One who died for the salvation of your soul. ...





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### Ellen G. White, Letter 124, 1893

"Come to the Lord Jesus just as you are.... Your heavenly Father daily maintains you. You have God's stamp upon you, and He asks your faith and obedience to Him, the full surrender of yourself to His service. To follow Him through evil report as well as good."





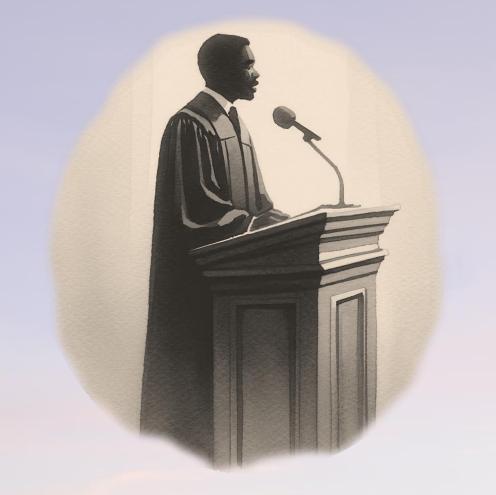


"Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed."

2 Chronicles 20:20 (ESV)







Human struggle with extreme weakness connected to God's prophetic guidance with conversion and consecration leads to a changed life and powerful ministry.





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# Edson to W. C. White [and EGW], Sept. 6, 1893

"One Sabbath I decided while listening to a very dull sermon, that I might just as well be enjoying blessing of my Saviour RIGHT THEN as to wait for some more favorable opportunity. I remembered that all that was wanted was a surrender of self and a full acceptance of Christ, and to place myself where he could come in and do the work for me. I took this step AT ONCE, and 'He took me' . . . There is a difference from any experience before. Perhaps it is because I have been so much nearer the fire, and have been so long a stranger to God that there is an additional solemnity and blessing in his acceptance and approval which I KNOW I am now enjoying."







#### **Morning Star**







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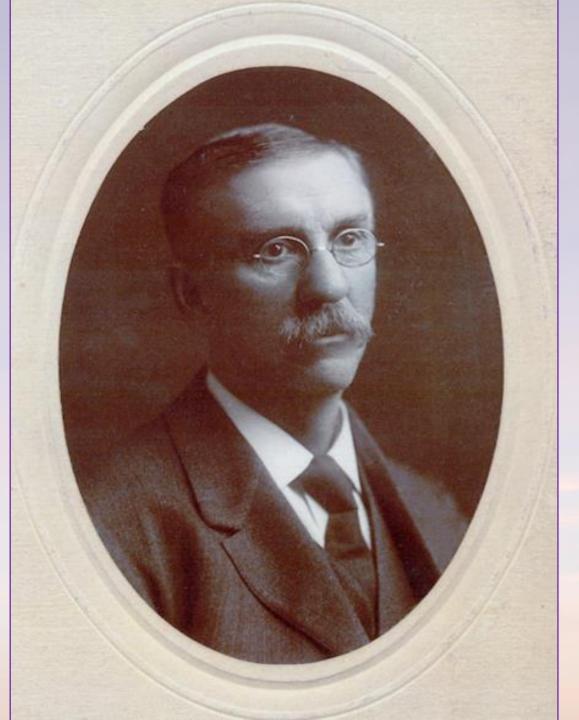
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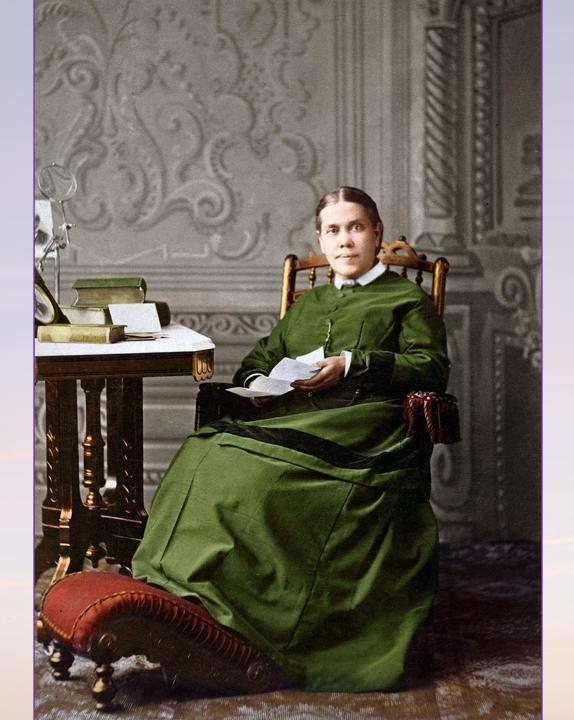




# **Morning Star**







#### Ellen White 1878 (Colorized)





#### **Some Lessons**

- God has no grandchildren
- Each generation must connect with God for themselves
- Parents cannot control the outcome of their children's lives
- Even Ellen White, who was the Lord's Messenger had to struggle with one of her children
- Each person must choose for themselves

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### **Some Lessons**

- Children have different dispositions
- These can be a blessing and may predispose them to challenges during their lives
- When converted God can use individual personality charactoristics to His glory
- Everything depends upon conversion and living a consecrated life





#### **Some Lessons**

- Edson's story teaches us that no matter what our situation, when we consecrate ourselves to God, He will use us to bless others. We are called to reach the world.
- There is a particular blessing if we continue to claim the grace of God throughout our lifetime.







# I Gave My Life for Thee SDAH - #281

I gave My life for thee, My precious blood I shed, That Thou might'st ransomed be, and quickened from the dead; I gave, I gave My life for thee, what hast thou given for Me? I gave, I gave My life for thee, What hast thou given for me?





# I Gave My Life for Thee SDAH - #281

My Father's house of light, My glory circled throne, I left for earthly night, for wanderings sad and lone; I left, I left it all for thee, hast thou left aught for Me? I left, I left it all for thee, hast thou left aught for Me?





# I Gave My Life for Thee SDAH - #281

I suffered much for thee, more than thy tongue can tell, Of bitterest agony, to rescue thee from hell; I've borne, I've borne it all for thee, what hast thou borne for Me? I've borne, I've borne it all for thee, what hast thou borne for Me?





Edson White, despite facing personal difficulties and criticism, he was committed to the mission and was used mightily by God with his efforts in the South.

— Letters and Manuscripts, Volume 17, 1902, Ms 70, 1902



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