



YOU SHALL RECEIVE  
**POWER**

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

# Claiming the Power of the Holy Spirit (Day One)

# Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church #1

The Holy Scriptures, Old  
and New Testaments, are  
the written Word of God,  
given by divine inspiration.<sup>2</sup>

**The inspired authors  
spoke and wrote as  
they were moved by the  
Holy Spirit. In this Word,  
God has committed to  
humanity the  
knowledge necessary  
for salvation.**

The Holy Scriptures  
are the supreme,  
authoritative, and the  
infallible revelation of  
His will.

They are the standard  
of character, the test  
of experience, the  
definitive revealer of  
doctrines...



God designed the Bible to be a lesson-book to all mankind... It is the medium of communication between God and man. {FLB<sub>6</sub> 10.5}



God committed the preparation of His divinely inspired Word to finite man. This Word, arranged into books, the Old and New Testaments, is the guidebook to the inhabitants of a fallen world, bequeathed to them that, by studying and obeying the directions, not one soul would lose its way to Heaven. {FLB 10.2}

## 2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for **1)**doctrine, for **2)**reproof, for **3)**correction, for **4)**instruction in righteousness.



# Psalms 119:105

Thy Word is a lamp  
unto my feet, and a  
light unto my path.

# Psalm 119:130

The entrance of Thy  
words giveth light; it  
giveth understanding  
unto the simple.



*"In an  
acceptable time,*

The Bible is the very  
thought of God  
communicated to men.

{7BC-344}

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# The Word of God



He guided the mind in the selection  
of what to speak and what to write.

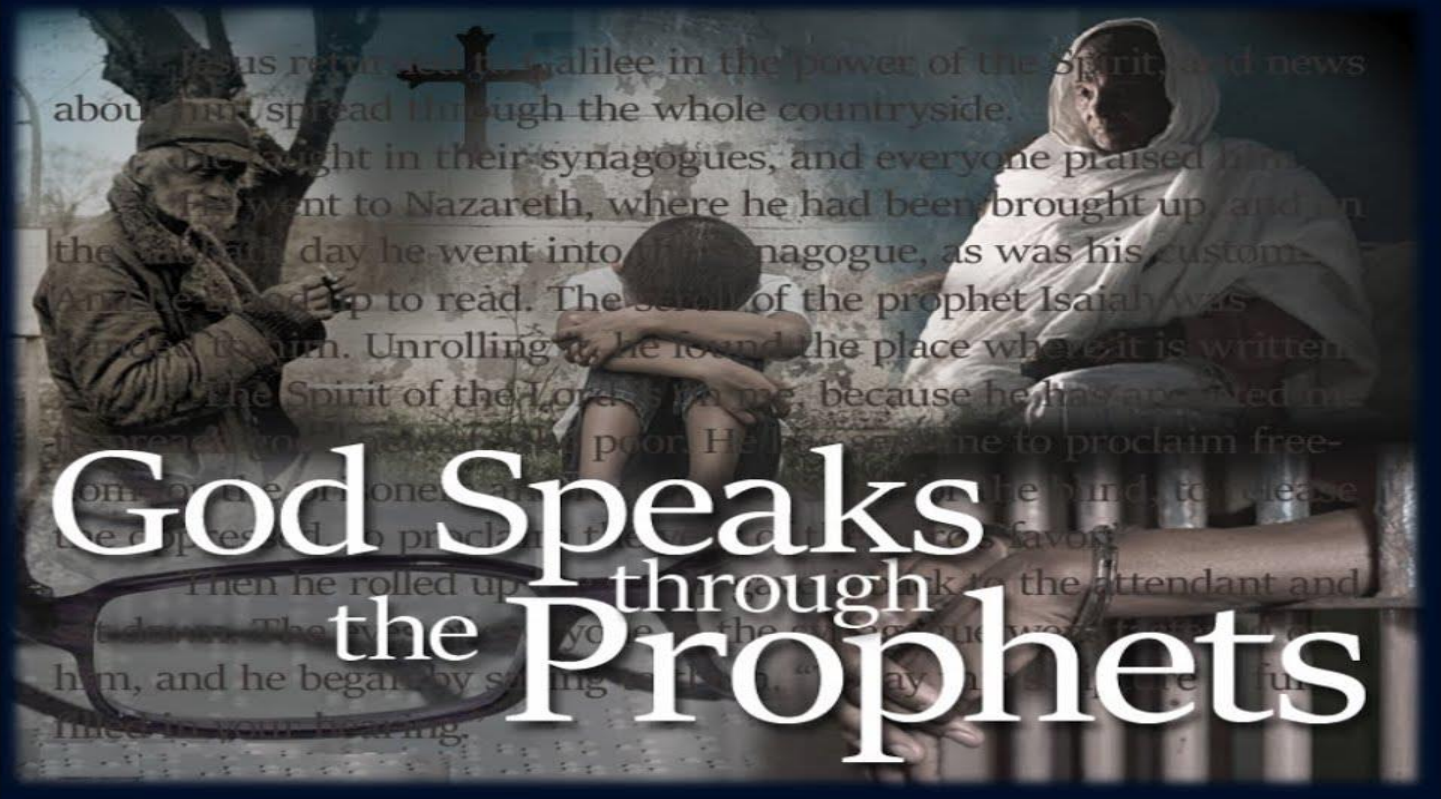
{FLB 11.2}

**The Gift of Prophecy #18**  
**The Scriptures testify that**  
**one of the gifts of the**  
**Holy Spirit is prophecy.**  
**This gift is an identifying**  
**mark of the remnant**  
**church and we believe it**  
**was manifested in the**  
**ministry of Ellen G. White.**

Her writings speak with prophetic authority and provide 1) comfort, 2) guidance, 3) instruction, and 4) correction to the church. They also make clear that the Bible is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested.

**2 Chronicles 20:20**  
**Believe in the Lord**  
**your God, so shall**  
**ye be established;**

**believe His**  
**prophets, so shall**  
**ye prosper.**



# God Speaks through the Prophets

Prophecy played a vital role in both Old and New Testament times. **But did prophecy cease to function with the close of the Biblical cannon?**





In like manner, after the close of the canon of Scripture, the Holy Spirit was still to continue its work, to enlighten, warn, and comfort the children of God.

{FLB 293.4}

# Ephesians 4:8, 11-12

When He ascended up on  
high, He led captivity  
captive, and gave gifts unto  
men.

And He gave some,  
1) apostles; and some,  
2) prophets; and some,  
3) evangelists; and some,  
4) pastors and  
5) teachers;

For the **1)** perfecting of  
the saints, for the **2)** work  
of the ministry, **3)** for the  
edifying of the body of  
Christ.



**The prophetic gift was indispensable to the founding of the church in NT times, and is the appointed guide of the remnant church. {6BC-1023}**

## Revelation 12:17

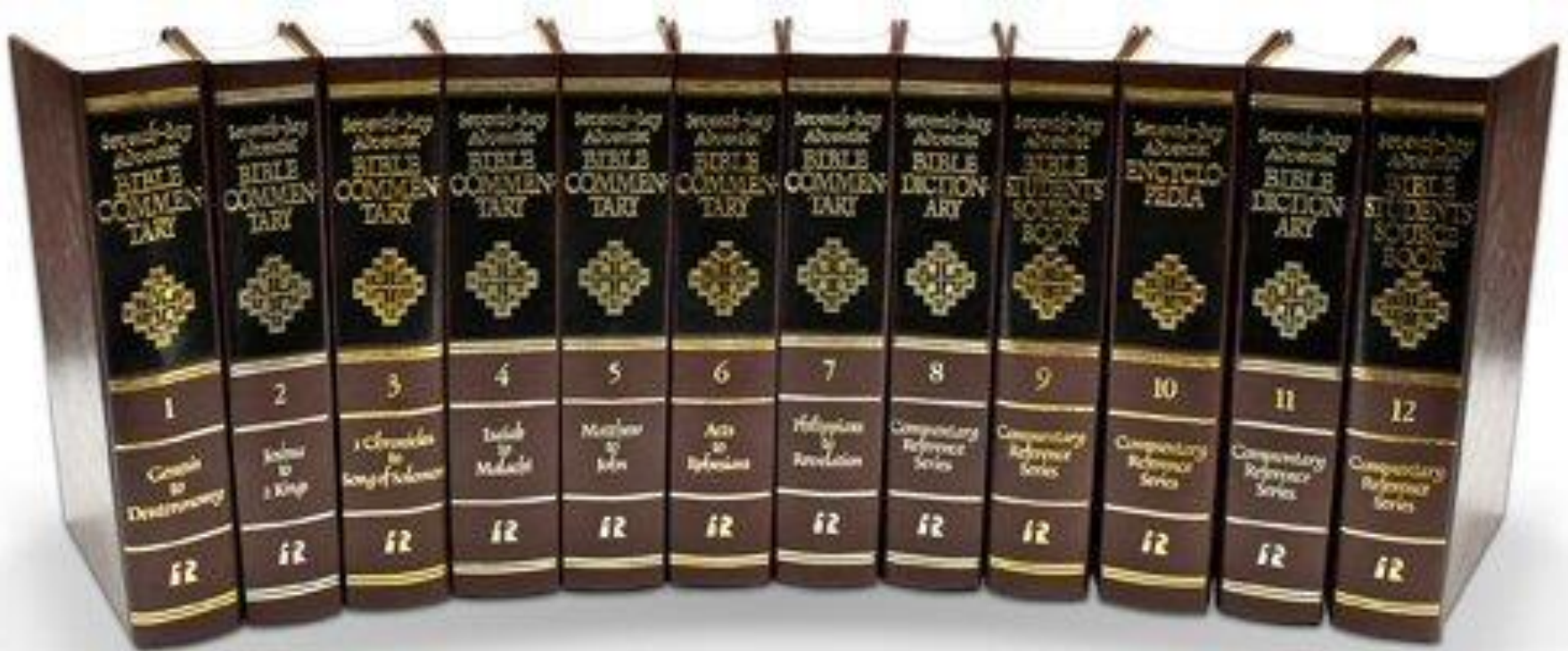
And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

# Revelation 12:9

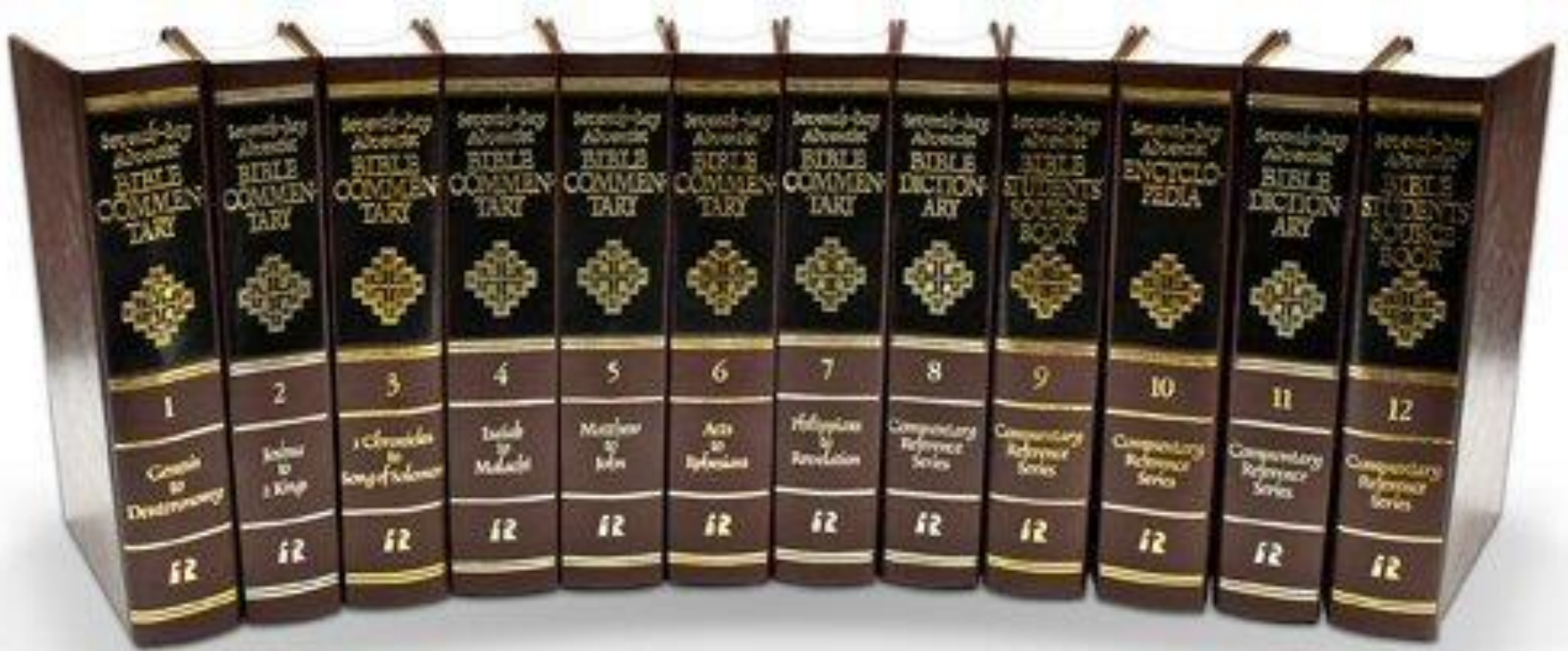
And the great dragon  
was cast out, that old  
serpent, called the  
Devil, and Satan...

**Revelation 19:10**  
**The testimony of**  
**Jesus is the spirit**  
**of prophecy.**



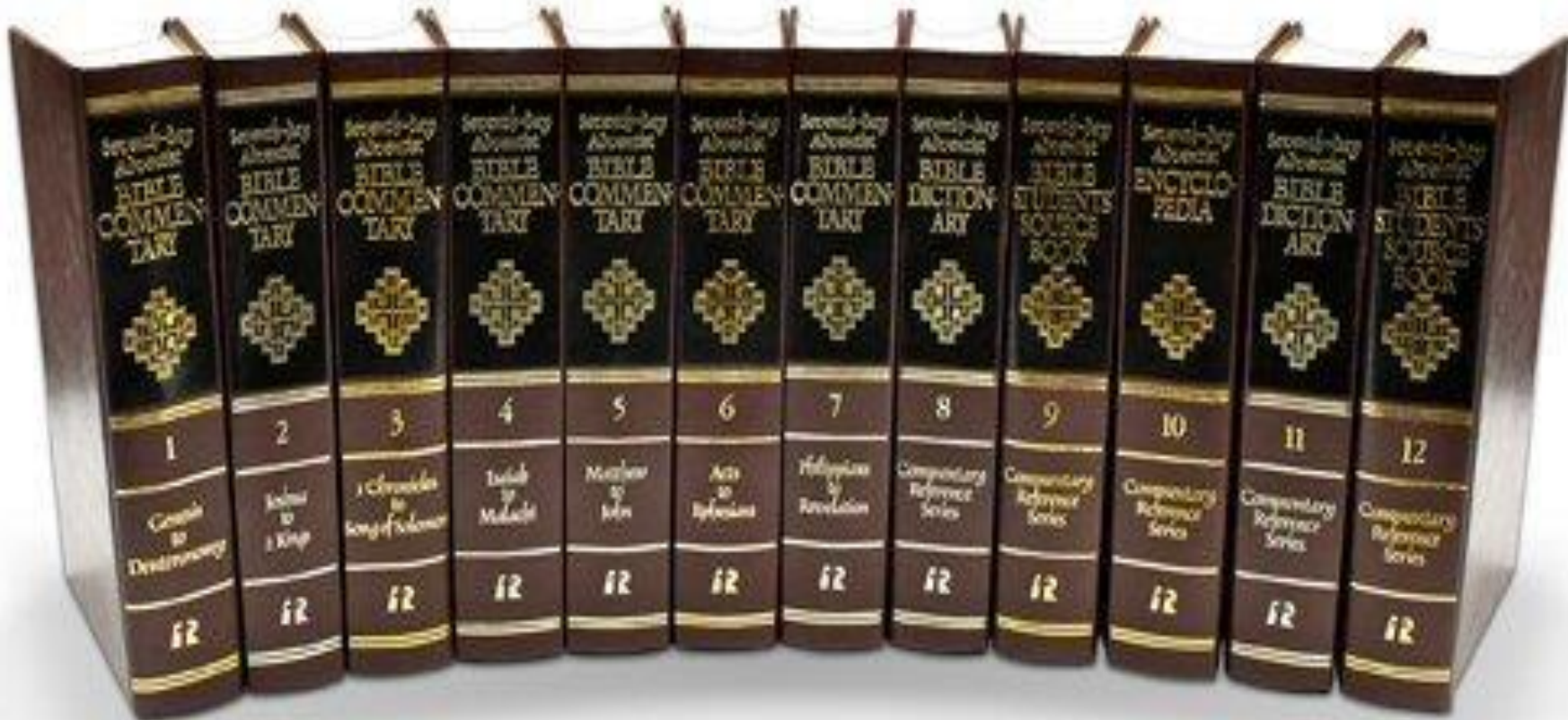


The “testimony of Jesus” is the witness of Jesus in the midst of the remnant through the medium of the prophetic gift. {7BC-812}



**The term furthermore,  
conveys the idea of  
being an intermediary.**

**{1BC-340}**



**A prophet is simply a  
man/woman bearing a message  
from God. {5BC-383}**



*Pray*  
*for*  
Revival

There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow His blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it!

# *The Promise* OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Luke 11:13**

**If ye then, being evil, know how to  
give good gifts unto your children:**

**how much more shall your heavenly  
Father give the Holy Spirit to them  
that ask Him?**



**A revival need be expected only in  
answer to prayer. {Selected  
Messages 1:121, 1887}**



They should let nothing stand in the way of their making thorough work before it shall be forever too late.

{Letter 51, 1886}

## Ezekiel 33:7-9

So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.



When I say unto the wicked,  
O wicked man, thou shalt  
surely die; if thou dost not  
speak to warn the wicked  
from his way, that wicked  
man shall die in his iniquity;  
but his blood will I require at  
thine hand.

Nevertheless, if thou  
warn the wicked of his  
way to turn from it; if he  
do not turn from his way,  
he shall die in his iniquity;  
but thou hast delivered  
thy soul.

# Isaiah 58:1

**Cry aloud, spare not, lift  
up thy voice like a  
trumpet, and show my  
people their  
transgression, and the  
house of Jacob their  
sins.**

**WE TRIED TO  
WARN YOU!**

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**BUT YOU SAID:  
DON'T  
JUDGE ME!** **ISAIAH  
30:10**

**Tell them of the sins they are  
committing, while at the same  
time they pride themselves on  
their righteousness.**

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**{4BC 1149.4}**



**A CALL FOR  
REFORMATION  
REVIVAL  
REPENTANCE**

Unless this takes place, those who are lukewarm will continue to grow more abhorrent to the Lord, until He will refuse to acknowledge them as His children.

{1SM 127.3}

# Revelation 3:15-18

I know thy works, that  
thou art neither cold  
nor hot: I would thou  
wert cold or hot.

**So then because  
thou art lukewarm,  
and neither cold nor  
hot, I will spue thee  
out of my mouth.**

**Because thou sayest, I  
am rich, and increased  
with goods, and have  
need of nothing; and  
knowest not that thou  
art wretched, and  
miserable, and poor,  
and blind, and naked:**



**I counsel thee to buy of me gold  
tried in the fire, that thou mayest  
be rich; and white raiment, that  
thou mayest be clothed, and that  
the shame of thy nakedness do  
not appear; and anoint thine eyes  
with eyesalve, that thou mayest  
see.**


# LUKEWARM

—NEITHER HOT NOR COLD—

Will they not receive the message of warning? Will they not repent and be converted?

{RH February 24, 1903, par. 11}<sup>42</sup>

# REPENTANCE



A call to repentance cannot be effective unless it set forth clearly what men/women must do about sin in their lives. A call to reformation is a call <sup>43</sup> to decisive action. {4BC-305}



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It is designed to arouse the people of God, to discover to them their backslidings, and to lead to zealous repentance, that they may be favored with the presence of Jesus, and be fitted for the loud cry of the third angel. {1T 186.1}



**The Laodicean  
message applies to  
the people of God  
who profess to  
believe present  
truth. The greater  
part are lukewarm  
professors...  
{4T 87.1}**



CHURCH!  
HEAR THIS...

## The Message to Laodicea

A Church Nauseating to God

Revelation 3:14-22



**The True Witness hates  
this luke-warmness. He  
loathes the indifference of  
this class of persons.**

{4T 87.2}



Such are a curse to the cause at home or abroad. They draw nigh to God with their lips, while their heart is far from him. {2SG 226.1}

# Revelation 3:15

I would thou

wert cold or

hot.





The church operates in 202 out of 230 countries and areas recognized by the United Nations, making it "probably the most widespread Protestant denomination"<sup>49</sup>.



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I have stated before them that, from what was shown me, but a small number of those now professing to believe the truth would eventually be saved—not because they could not be saved, but because they would not be saved in God's own appointed way. {2T

445.2}



It is a solemn statement that I make to the church, that not one in twenty whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without God and without hope in the world as the common sinner. Living as sinners, claiming to be Christians! {ChS 41.1}



**If the previous statement remotely accurate that indicates that of the 25,000,000 people currently worshipping in 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Churches each Sabbath only 1, 250, 000 are actually ready to meet their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!**

**Matthew 22:14**

**Many are  
called, but few  
are chosen.**



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They will have no  
part in Heaven, but  
will have their  
portion with Satan,  
and experience the  
second death.

{2T 293.3}

## **Matthew 7:13-14**

**Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:**

**Because strait is the  
gate, and narrow is  
the way, which  
leadeth unto life,  
and few there be  
that find it.**





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Destruction

Everlasting Life

**Which road have you chosen—the road which leads to everlasting death, or the road which leads to glory and immortality? {OHC 8.2}**

# 1 Peter 4:18

And if the righteous  
scarcely be saved,

where shall the  
ungodly and the  
sinner appear?



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May the Lord grant to  
bring His Holy Spirit  
upon hearts that are  
now at ease, that they  
may no longer sleep as  
do others, but watch  
and be sober. {The  
General Conference  
Bulletin, 1893, 132, 133}



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**Ask  
yourselves  
earnestly, Am  
I among the  
saved, or the  
unsaved?  
{TM 443.2}**



Living a Godly Life in an Ungodly World

**God calls for a revival  
and a reformation.  
{Prophets and Kings,  
626}**

# Romans 13:11

And that, knowing the  
time, that now it is  
high time to awake  
out of sleep: for now  
is our salvation  
nearer than when we  
believed.



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In my last vision I was shown that even this decided message of the True Witness had not accomplished the design of God. The people slumber on in their sins. {3T 254.2<sup>63</sup>}