

found sleeping on guard. Let no one say in his heart or by his works: "My Lord delayeth his coming" (*Matt. 24:48*). Let the message of Christ's soon return sound forth in earnest words of warning." (*God's Amazing Grace, p 354*).

**Study Daniel & Revelation.** "There is need of a much closer study of the Word of God; especially should Daniel and the Revelation have attention as never before. . . . The light that Daniel received from God was given especially for these last days." (*TM 112, 113 (1896), Last day Event, p 15*).

"Let us read and study the twelfth chapter of Daniel. It is a warning that we shall all need to understand before the time of the end." (*15 MR 228 (1903), Last Day Event, p 15*).

"The last book of the New Testament scriptures is full of truth that we need to understand." (*COL 133 (1900), Last Day Events, 15*).

"The unfulfilled predictions of the book of Revelation are soon to be fulfilled. This prophecy is now to be studied with diligence by the people of God and should be clearly understood. It does not conceal the truth; it clearly forewarns, telling us what will be in the future." (*Notebook Leaflet, p 96, Last Day Events, p 15*).

Read the parable of the husbandmen in Matthew 21:33-46. Many professed Christians are fulfilling to the letter this parable. They find fault with the spirit of prophecy and the messengers that God sends to them. "In the parable of the vineyard Jesus brought before the Jews their real condition...The tower built in the vineyard represented their temple...But as the servants who demanded fruit in their master's name were put to death by the unfaithful husbandmen... Not only were these rejected, but when he sent his only Son to them, the destined Heir to the vineyard...the haughty Jews, the unfaithful servants, reasoned among themselves, saying, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him." Thus Jesus revealed in his parable the dark purposes of the Jews against himself." (*3SP p 34*).

**But who were the Jews?**-Those whose religion separated them from the world. They were Seventh day Sabbath keepers who professed to believe in the law and the testimony. They were the equivalent of the Seventh Day

Adventists today. To these nations (Jews & present day Seventh day Adventists applies the prophecy of John 1:11.

"The sailor who has in his possession chart and compass, and yet neglects to use them, is responsible for placing the lives of those on board his vessel in peril. The vessel may be lost by his neglect. We have a guide-book, the Word of God, and we are inexcusable if we miss the way to heaven, for plain directions have been given us." (*Signs of the Times, March 21, 1906 par. 10*).

"We must follow the directions given through the Spirit of prophecy. We must love and obey the truth for this time. This will save us from accepting strong delusions. God has spoken to us through His Word. He has spoken to us through the Testimonies to the church, and through the books that have helped to make plain our present duty and the position that we should now occupy." (*8T, p. 298*).



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# The Christian Roadsigns

**A**ny traveler knows how important road signs are; they instruct travelers how to conduct themselves on the journey, warn them of any possible danger so as to regulate their speed, to instruct and guide them where and when to turn and to inform the traveler how far he/she is away from home.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Prov. 29:18).

Without road signs, the driver is bound to take a wrong road on a crossroad. The spirit of prophecy serves this very important purpose. We are on a Christian journey, and without a thorough knowledge of our road signs, we are bound to take a wrong direction at the crossroads. But at what cost!

The foundation of the Christian church must be traced back to the fulfillment of prophecy. The spirit of prophecy is inseparable from the gospel. Those who uphold the gospel and denounce or reject the spirit of prophecy are trying to separate what God has declared inseparable (Matthew 19:6).

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and [from] the things which are written in this book." (Rev. 22:18-19).

Christ's followers will be known by their fruits (Matt. 7:20) of obedience to the law and the testimony (1 Samuel 15:22, Rev. 12:17) and this testimony is the spirit of prophecy (Rev. 19:10). The spirit of prophecy points to the past, illuminates the present and foretells the future and thus giving us the combined privilege of the light of the past, present and future.

"The light of prophecy still burns for the guidance of souls, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." It shines on the pathway of the just to commend, and on the way of the unjust to lead to repentance and conversion. Through its agency, sin will be rebuked and iniquity unmasked. It is progressive in the performance of its duty to reflect light on the past, the present, and the fu-

ture." (My Life Today, 42).

To deny the spirit of prophecy is to reject the lamp that should light our pathways and we are sure to stumble and fall. It is like a man who goes to sea leaving the chart and compass. Such a seaman will surely make shipwreck of his journey. The law and the testimony serve a similar purpose as the chart and compass of a seaman.

The spirit of prophecy comes to us in the form of warning, rebukes and entreaties so as to correct and call us from our wicked ways. Such warnings come as a certain sound of the trumpet, calling sin by its name and often wars against the natural man. "And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" (1 Cor. 14:7-8).

**Calls sin by its name.** "Call sin by its right name. Declare what God has said in regard to lying, Sabbath-breaking, stealing, idolatry, and every other evil." (DA, p 805).

"But the apostle teaches that while we should manifest Christian courtesy, we are authorized to call sin and sinners by their right names--that this is consistent with true charity. While we are to love the souls for whom Christ died, and labor for their salvation, we should not make a compromise with sin. We are not to unite with the rebellious, and call this charity." (Reflecting Christ, p 363).

**Want of courageous men.** "The greatest want of the world is the want of men,--men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." (Education, p. 57, Colporteur Ministry, p 54).

Many professed Christians shun, denounce or reject the spirit of prophecy, not because it contradicts the Bible, but because its warnings directly cross their wicked ways. It brings to light things they want hidden from

their fellow men. But we must not accept the spirit of prophecy because it agrees with our ideas, but because it is God's word--the two-edged sword that peers the heart asunder because we have forsaken the right way of God (2 Peter 2:15). Our duty is to prove it right and obey.

Remember, "the way of a fool [is] right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel [is] wise." (Proverbs 12:15).

**The crossroad.** "A man is traveling, and comes to a place where there are several roads, and a guide-board indicating where each one leads. If he disregards the guideboard, and takes whichever road seems to him to be right, he may be ever so sincere, but will in all probability find himself on the wrong road." (GC, 597).

**The coming of the Messiah.** "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." (Zech. 9:9, Desire of Ages, 569).

"Five hundred years before the birth of Christ, the prophet Zechariah thus foretold the coming of the King to Israel." (DA, 569).

The Jewish nation rejected Jesus Christ whose coming was clearly predicted by the prophets, but because they had rejected God's prophets and their writings, they had no signposts, and when Christ came as prophesied, they did not know it. What danger there is for any church to put aside or slight prophetic writings!

"Ask me of things to come concerning my sons and concerning the work of my hands command ye Me." (Isaiah 45:11).

The same message sounded by the prophet Zechariah is being repeated today to prepare a people who will meet our Lord Jesus Christ at His second coming. But as the Jews were, many are hardening their hearts against the word of God.

**Prophecy is being fulfilled now.** "We are living in the closing scenes of this earth's history. Prophecy is fast fulfilling. The hours of probation are fast passing. We have no time--not a moment--to lose. Let us not be