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Blemish free Unity

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Dave,

On May 29, 2009, you asked several questions which I am just now able to respond to. Before I do so, you and the field can benefit from my explanation of my schedule.

During the warm months I have the opportunity to perform manual tasks for home duties that can be done at no other time. The past two months have been very busy on the home front. First we were devastated by the embarrassing battle against termites. They were boring through the drywall in my kitchen initiating a battle which blindsided us and took us by complete surprise. The only recourse was to open up the wall and take the battle to the invaders. With the help of brother Jose, and with the Lord's wisdom, we removed all the infected framing, repointed the bricks from inside the house, installed new, treated framing, and defeated the invading enemy. Along with this, we also corrected the water-leakage problem which, over time, had previously been ignored. After a rain, it leaked behind the wall leaving the house in jeopardy. As stated, such infestation is embarrassing; however, I am sharing this with the field so that they can see some of Jacob's other challenges. As the Lord's servant today, I do not have a charge to hide any of my work so as to protect my pride. Such would be divergent to the child-conversion experience.

Since, the MSA is now revealing all of its personal battles, be they on the home front or in the doctrinal arena, it must, as a dove tail to its E-mail reply, describe another. Last week, Vinnette, seeing that I was too preoccupied resolving another major and pressing problem described below, can commensurate with you when you ponder the time that it has taken me to respond to your E-mail. She was distressed about yet another home invasion, Black Ants. It seems that we have always had some of these ants in the spring; thus, I was satisfied with killing two or three a day as I saw them. However, this year, the problem seemed to be more invasive. Never did I comprehend this to be a spiritual metaphor with the need for divine intervention. Yet, their numbers seem to be multiplied in our kitchen. Vinnette, seeking as a genuine helpmeet to assist me in my work to guard the house, became frustrated with the Black Ants; her frustration caused her to ask the Lord to show her where their nest was located in order to direct her attack. Attacking the nest was a concept that I had never considered; I did not even realize that they had a central office, so to speak — at least one that would be located in our home. Such seemed to be the over-exaggerated rhetoric of the extermination industry. If they had a nest, I presumed that it was outside somewhere. Thankfully, the Lord inspires all of His disciples allowing them to work together to build the Kingdom and defeat the enemy. The next day, she was impressed to direct a liberal flow of fumigating insecticide under the bottom of the kitchen-sink cabinet. Very shortly after doing so, within seconds, the results were at least as dramatic as a Hollywood-horror move combined with a major battle scene. An unanticipated explosion of desperate and dying ants, seeking relief from their fumigant judgment hour, surged forward from the under-counter, kick-space opening, the same space from which Vinnette launched her spray attack. To witness this victory, brother Jose and I, in need of water, came into the kitchen just as Vinnette was cleaning up the dead and dying bodies —What a great metaphor to depict our thirst quenching work. Perhaps 500, maybe more ants were slaughtered that day, and groups of stragglers, over the next few days, came from their encampment to die before us. Since then, the kitchen has been ant free.. What the field can benefit from this lesson is that our battle is multi-dimensional and multi-faceted; yet, the Lord will give to the Mustard victory over its enemies — some that it did not even suspect were launching attacks against its base of operation. True indeed are his words,

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“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought...fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee...”—Isa 41: 10-12, 14.

This above promise now takes on a very different dimension.

We have occupied this home now for more than 23 years. Since that time many home improvements and upgrades have been made, but I have never replaced the roof shingles. The former owners, some 30 to 40 years ago, did a roofing job on the house that was improper: they placed new shingles over the old. Thus, currently, brother Jose and I, along with my two sons when I can corral them from school, are in the middle of a roof reinstall that demands, due to potential weather, that we start early—sometimes six in the morning—and finish quickly. Operation with appropriate safety devices and harnesses, we are working on a multi-angled roof that is approximately 30 to 45 feet above ground. I must salute brother Jose for assisting me; he shows great wisdom and courage with regard to safety and heights. I feel especially blessed by his help. In spite of long toilsome hours in the baking sun, the Lord has blessed our efforts. At the end of the day, exhausted and drained, I apportion some of my residual energies to address the didactic dimension of the Lord’s work. Usually, as I did last summer when extensive brick work, electrical work, plumbing, and welding were the task of my manual assignments, I worked extensively at the beginning of the day doing writing, then afterwards, I performed those other, physical tasks. But, the late spring sun demands a different tactical approach for the roof. I must exploit the cool mornings and the rainless days, this poses great limits upon my work. Nonetheless, I rejoice and am glad that Christ has kept both my body as well as my mind busy in His work.

One of your questions, the theme of baptism, has blossomed into a huge study, *Jacob Typology*, that I did not beforehand anticipate. It has been more than six weeks, but please do not fret, the Atonement study began the same way, with a simple question, and was not ready for publication until more than an year later. You asked about baptism, and, as it turns out, in order for the MSA to baptize, the saints must first understand Jacob’s path to salvation. The question cannot be answered more simply, and the advent of a Davidian ministry beginning to serve in this function is a major occurrence. When I am done with my work, all will see that, at the end of Jacob’s work, as also was the case with Christ some 2000 years ago, Jacob must cleanse the disciples. Short of understanding this, based upon our knowledge of the *Rod* and basic Adventism, we as Davidians, have no authority to baptize.

One question that you asked is as follows:

“What is the casting of ‘lots upon the two goats’ of Leviticus 16: 8?” Then you asked, “Why is Aaron instructed to ‘lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat’ Lev 16: 21?”

In preparing the Atonement, I spent more than a year seeking to understand all the intricacies contained therein. As I wrote it over time I answered many questions and issues that have never before been addressed. To illustrate, none have ever explained the Bullock, the Sin Offering, the Burnt Offering, Aaron in two phases, the day to afflict our souls, the incense and the smoke, etc. Beforehand, for almost 160 years, the central lesson that we discerned therefrom was merely that the Sacrificial Goat was Jesus, that the Scapegoat was Satan, and that the day began in 1844. Amazingly, we held onto those truths without any curiosity about the other intricacies such as the laying of both hands. Resultantly, as part of the Mustard Seed’s ministry, I call all to give glory to the Lord for the things that He has revealed. Yet, we are still learning: It was just recently that we peered more deeply into the Bullock showing that it is more than just a young bull; it is a male cattle that has been castrated. If it helps, think of Jacob’s ministry in two folds: feeding the

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saints meat in due season and teaching them to appreciate the Lord's table by reminding them of the things that they now have been made to understand. This mission of reminding the saints must be done in order to insure all that there are some issues which the Lord has not unsealed. This He has yet to do, not necessarily to be secretive, but to help Jacob, His mustard seed, in his goal to deliver the very specific, strong meat that the disciples can spiritually masticate and digest—considering their time and their corporate abilities and capacities—and to help him to manage his time so as to deliver all the light which Christ is today poised to serve. Therefore, rather than approaching the study seeking to unravel the things that we do not understand in the broadcast of heaven's light; instead, we must all try to master those things that have been revealed. If the faithful were to open up the Bible and asked Jacob for the meaning of everything that they cannot now comprehend, he would never have time to serve up the menu which the Lord has chosen to place before them.

In your second concern you made the following observation:

“I understand that the Comforter is the third person of the three, but what is the role or purpose of him and how is he to interact with us? Why must Christ have first to go away, in order to send the Comforter as John 16:7 states?”

For now, in this special hour, the Comforter's purpose is to remind us of the *Testimony of Jesus*, the words that Christ uttered through the lips of Jesus. Our assimilation, embrace, and comprehension of These words give to us everlasting life. The Lord said,

“If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings; and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, Which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever, I have said unto you”—John 14: 23-26.

For 2000 years the Comforter's mission has been to gently lead the church into advancing truth. Today, the “last day”, His mission culminates in the unfolding of Jesus' Testimony, the “keys to the Kingdom”. This is the reason why, through the Mustard Seed, we are beginning to understand doctrines never beforehand revealed; although they have been in the Word, the Gospels, all these many years. Why must Christ first go away before the Comforter can come? I do not know. For some reason, the Comforter has been elected to stand in for Heaven while both Jesus and Christ have left our planet. What I do know for certain is that, at Calvary, Christ finished the work given to him for humanity: He delivered the promised testimony and went to prepare a place for us. Jesus, seated on the right hand of the Father, had a universe to govern, and He began to assist Father in that endeavor along with the duty of managing the church on earth. To be able to answer your question with more precision would requires that one understand the government of heaven. Our burden, for our salvation and life is to understand that, 2000 years ago, Christ and Jesus had to leave before the Comforter could come. Why this is so, what is Father's logic is this strategy of governance, I cannot say, and I do not know of any Bible explanation that is given. The MSC has no mission to delve that deep—at least not now. It realizes that, **“the secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law”**—Deut 29: 29.

In your next comments you said,

“One last thing I would like to share is Eph5:26,27 it jumped out at me with deep meaning and really opened my eyes to Christ's truth, the shaking, cleansing and or purification of the spot, wrinkle free Kingdom Church that the MSA teaches. The thought was; The Testimony of Christ is the doctrine that washes the water clean, thus perfecting the church making it clean and presentable to Himself (Christ).”

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“Is this a correct understanding of Eph 5:26,27? With all I have read so far of the MSA I can honestly say... I do believe the Kingdom is here!”

The text in which you refer, *Eph five*, reads as follows”

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it: That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” —Eph 5: 25-27.

When you sent to me this text, it was just hours before I delivered my Friday, study in May. I was preparing to delve into the removal of all blemishes, and was to limit that theme to the book of Genesis. But your inspiration from *Eph five* handed to me an important proof text, and I immediately installed it into my notes. Resultantly, it became a very affirming reference showing Jacob’s necessary transition from his spiritual factory of blemish: he does so that he may be presentable in union (marriage) to Christ —what a beautify expose' and a summary of the day of unity in our Lord! Husbands should love their wives as Christ also loved the church: and just what or whom is the church to be presented to Christ if it is not the portion of Davidia who have elected to sell all their wealth and to follow Christ? Your timely revelation of this text has enhanced my ministry; it has held up my arms. Thus, I must express my appreciation to Father for sending us the Comforter. As I do so, it presents a perfect opportunity to penetrate more deeply into your prior question and to relay exactly how the Comforter works. The Lord, speaking to a plurality of His disciples said, **“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever: Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him: for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you”** —John 14: 16, 17. The Comforter is to dwell within all of the disciples. He does so for the central purpose of ratifying the lessons of truth handed to them by their premier disciple. The lesson now to be ratified with more precision is that antitypical Jacob, Davidia, as he worked on Laban’s ranch, through his deployment of the *Rod*, produced blemished theology. This, according to *Gen 30*, was his righteousness —not the righteousness that saves us, Christ’s Righteousness. Yet, it gave to Davidia a higher perch of theology than all other Christian “mountains”: It made Jacob wealthy, and this acquired wealth, before it could be squandered at the hand of Laban, was delivered to Jacob allowing him to sell it and purchase the pearl of great price.

Today, Christ, just as Paul in *Eph five* expresses, is to present to Himself —not a speckled and spotted church full of shysters and supplanters, but— a church which can make Father proud, a church without spot and blemish. This will occur in the day when we have our names, reputations, changed. First, we must heed the counsel given in last week’s study, and sell all of our wealth to acquire the Kingdom, the pearl of great price.

Sincerely,

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