

# The Mustard Seed Advent—NewsLetter VII

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*“...Everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name’s sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life”* —Matt 20: 29

## Monthly Dispatch



Again I greet all who love the present truth and welcome you to this latest newsletter release. In so doing, all are kept informed to the advances of the work.

On July sixth and seventh we anticipate to be on a retreat. Its theme will be entitled *Ordinance of Humility*. Details of that mission will be unfolded in the next month’s newsletter. As for the month of June, two more audio studies and two E-mails were released. By the time you receive this communication, they should be available on the website. Below is a list of the most recent ones which can be now found on the website:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>
6-29-2012	<i>Counsel of Peace</i>	Audio Study	63:00 Min
6-26-2012	<i>Follow the Lamb</i>	Letter	
6-22-2012	<i>Christ, the Most Precious Truth</i>	Letter	
6-15-2012	<i>Peace, Wonderful Peace, Part III</i>	Audio Study	63:00 Min
6-14-2012	<i>Fallen Tree</i>	Letter	
6-01-2012	<i>Peace, Wonderful Peace, Part II</i>	Audio Study	69:09 Min
5-18-2012	<i>Peace, Wonderful Peace, Part I</i>	Audio Study	70:34 Min
5-04-2012	<i>He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought!</i>	Audio Study	66:35 Min
4-20-2012	<i>Adulterous Generation</i>	Audio Study	74:01 Min

### CONDOLENCES TO THE SUERO FAMILY

Approximately three weeks ago, brother Jose reported that his brother, born on July -29-1959, passed in death. His name was Hector Suero and he was closest in brotherhood to Jose. As we think about the path of our fallen, SDA and former SDA brethren, we are most saddened that they could not heed the Lord’s counsel and follow us to the Kingdom.

### SUP IN PEACE

This past Sabbath, 29-Jun-2012, we were joined by our sons for a Sabbath meal and experienced a distress in our home about which the saints need to be informed. After all, our troubles and our successes must be revealed to the world. Those things that flatter with the things that diminish our standing in the eyes of all must be exposed.

Neither of our two sons now live at home, and their weekly-Sabbath visits are seen as an opportunity for my continued ministry to them. They normally love to discuss politics; meanwhile, Vinnette and I attempt to align their political, societal, and economic trepidation to the up-dated Gospel. In this, our politics are converted to theology. Regrettably to Vinnette and me, my wisdom was ignored and disrespected to the degree that I had to ask them to immediately leave. After their departure; the Word was accordingly vindicated; Jacob's peace was restored.

All need to witness this divestment of luggage by this headquarters so as to know their very own duties. Somehow, somewhere, our sons have adopted political views that have a conservative, populist bend, one that spins the truth to deceive. It has led them to disdain the efforts of those in politics who seek, through liberal graces, to help the afflicted —indeed in many cases to help their very own lineage. More specific to their current anxiety, the recent Supreme-Court successes of the Obama administration, regarding health care and immigration, has filled them with angry and vociferous sentiments of societal doom —as if they will be denied their “piece of the pie”. Such anxiety may grip many, but there is an antidote: The *mustard seed* does not advocate the cause of secular politicians. liberals or conservatives; instead, it teaches the Kingdom's soon-to-emerge victory over this nation's abuses and missteps. Likewise, I do not recommend that we become unsettled on Sabbath by discussions pertaining to secular politics; however, with my “dirt brush” in hand, an exception is appropriate to declare the Lord's victorious resolutions to the 2000 years of havoc heaped upon the world by the gentiles. There is no other resolution to today's problems. In fact, this is a fundamental thesis of my ministry; it is our “Peace offering”. For any to examine social, political, economic, religious realities and become gripped in fear, warrants, for such an individual, my rebuke for ignoring current duty as expressed in the *First Angel's Message*. It demands of the faithful that they “...***Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come***...” —Rev 14: 7. They should not become preoccupied with any other fear.

**“Dear Brethren: The Lord gave me a view, January 26, 1850, which I will relate. I saw that some of the people of God are stupid and dormant and but half awake; they do not realize the time we are now living in, and that the man with the ‘dirt brush’ has entered, and that some are in danger of being swept away. I begged of Jesus to save them, to spare them a little longer, and let them see their awful danger, that they might get ready before it should be forever too late. The angel said, ‘Destruction is coming like a mighty whirlwind.’ I begged of the angel to pity and to save those who loved this world, who were attached to their possessions and were not willing to CUT LOOSE from them and sacrifice to speed the messengers on their way to feed the hungry sheep who were perishing for want of spiritual food. As I viewed poor souls dying for want of the present truth, and some who professed to believe the truth were letting them die by withholding the necessary means to carry forward the work of God, the sight was too painful, and I begged of the angel to remove it from me. I saw that when the cause of God called for some of their property, like the young man who came to Jesus (Matthew 19:16-22) they went away sorrowful, and that soon the overflowing scourge would pass over and sweep their possessions all away, and then it would be too late to sacrifice earthly goods, and lay up a treasure in heaven.”** — Ellen G. White, *Early Writings*, 48, 49

EGW expressed in future-perfect tense, the realities which today only now exist for it is only today the man with the proverbial dirt brush is on the scene. And he requires divestiture from worldly fixations be they politics, wealth, or future, anticipated benefits. To do otherwise is, according to her words, “stupid”, and to now hold on to your finances, your tithe and offerings, will yield what the brilliant men of the world who study economics do not understand —complete loss of everything. The major events that have favored the liberal arm of American politics in June causing many who disdain the current president of this nation to seethe with anger and resentment, is a spirit which we cannot cherish. Our goal is not to preserve America's wealth and/or the well-stocked, financial coffers of the rich, nor is it to fixate over the liabilities to be theoretically inherited to a future generation. Such is not the “pie” that we teach is to be divided among the faithful. It is all tinsel to be swept away; only His word will stand. And, although the MSA does not endorse the social-spending efforts of the Obama administration, neither does it side with the meticulous misers of misery: It does not decry or resent any attempts to assist the poor for such is our Christian calling. It is in this vein that EGW predicted, by her above statement, the day when the dollar would become worthless; subsequently, we know that its value is in —not man's, but— God's hand. Why did we become so actively troubled on this past Sabbath? I well know the tongue of the serpent and his sophistry to twist historic facts; subsequently, Vinnette and I became much disturbed to see that spirit gripping our boys, the fruits of our home. From it, they and all who harbor such views, must be cleansed. Rejecting our appeal to give honor

to the wisdom of this home and the counsel of their parents, I decisively stood firmly for the Lord's Kingdom. Nonetheless, this letter will give the saints a reality check, an opportunity to discern the Lord's concrete work in our lives.

Our country, the USA, having been blessed by the Lord these past 200 years to be preserved economically, politically, and socially has been sustained by Him, and He judges all of her steps and missteps. When it is time for him to undermine her lofty, world-leading stature—we see evidence of this already from the MSC's published works—then He will swiftly execute judgment upon her. Thus, no *mustard-seed* adherent should give credence to any conservative or liberal detractor who pronounces doom because of their fear of the future, fear incited by a claim of constitutional infidelity and/or anti-capitalist, economic policies. This country was not made great because of her constitution or her economic wisdom; Jesus made it great, and He will sustain her in pre-imminent power so long as He deems necessary, regardless of her health-care policies, deficit spending, and domestic/international atrocities. If she needs more money to finish God's assignment for her, He will, as He has proven to do in the past, deliver to her His gold. There is no other alternative on planet earth. America has been blessed because she is a tool in the Lord's hands—not because she is prudent.

Worse than this, one son sought to disrespect the years of study and wisdom of his father, the *mustard seed*, in Bible application as if no inspired power was leading this work. True it is, as he argued, that the *Good Samaritan's* deeds were not engendered by government mandate but, to the contrary, by his own individual compassion. However, such a resolution cannot impeach our government for legally installing the same generosity, charity, and grace. It cannot because the Lord commanded his adherents to **“Go do thou likewise.”** Especially is this the case since heaven indicts her, America, as the proverbial thief who wounded and afflicted the injured man of that parable:

**“Why, O why, has not more been done to diffuse light into the darkened minds of the colored race? Christ died for the colored people as verily as He died for the white people. Those whom the Lord sees neglected by us have been entrusted with reasoning powers, and yet they have been treated as though they have no souls. They have been wounded by a SO-CALLED CHRISTIAN NATION. They have been left by the wayside, and decided efforts will have to be made to counteract the wrong that has been done them”** — Ellen G. White, *Southern Works*, 1895, p. 29.

America's success is not determined by her political prudence but by her affiliation to the One who gave that very parable; for this reason she claims to be a Christian nation. That means that she will be judged by that very profession; such is proven by the “king's” judgments of *Matt 25*. Whose ever money it is that she must manage by her policies, policies which determine its very value, it must be so supervised in accordance to the terms of her divine calling from Jesus. This is the only reason, in final analysis, that the wealth of the world is delivered to her trust and that every nation depends on the value of the U. S. dollar. She must resultantly seek, as the Bible and then as even EGW teaches, to lift up the Lord's afflicted, the sons of her former slaves. It is faithfulness to this duty, and not her fidelity to her highly vaunted constitution or her adherence to the gospel of Capitalism, that is the standard of her success and the gauge of her value to God. She, as a Christian nation, is charged to “go and do likewise”, and no U. S. Constitutional argument can abrogate, in God's eyes, that commission.

Such subtleties of logic often escape the surveillance of the youth who lack spiritual gravitas, and they become distressed. God forbid that they should, while multitudes around them are unemployed, have to deliver unto Caesar his own in taxes. This anxiety leads them to forget about yesterday's sacrifices by their elders and to, in turn, fall into the embrace of politically duplicitous—albeit eloquent—shysters. When the Law demanded of the children the following: **“Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord”**—Lev 19: 32— it was specifically addressing this very problem. Respect of our elders is the only formula that will preserve the new-and-upcoming generation from falling into the traps that have entangled their ancestors. All parents are constrained by law to enforce this demeanor of righteousness in their homes.

Furthermore, the home must be a center of peace: one cannot preserve it if a man cannot command his children to honor. Even to this moment, I am jolted by the reply of one son who said, “respect is a two way street.” May the Lord forgive me for tolerating and forbearing—this long—with such impudence. Only the foolishness, harbored in the heart of a child would seek the promotion of his own will against the sage counsel

of Moses —perceiving what he estimates as ‘unearned respect’— by arguing the need to journey back to Egyptian affliction.

After our sons left, Vinnette and I enjoyed the remnant of our Sabbath and we supped in peace. But the lesson is clear: We must live the message with our words as well as our profession for we are justified by our words.

### RAGING STORMS

Moments before our Sabbath evening study, on Friday, June 29, 2012, almost at sunset, as we prepared for our phone study, we checked the news for updates on the menacing storm headed directly to Pittsburgh from its neighboring state of Ohio. While viewing the TV, those in personal attendance remarked at how, just as promised in the Bible, the severity of the massive front passed by Pittsburgh, and continued south eastward. Such has been the observation of many storms since the prophetic revelation of the same in *Isa 30*, or since the day, 09-2001, when the towers fell. In the areas covered by the storm before and after it reached Pittsburgh, many trees were down, nearly 30 lives lost, and power was down for five million people; yet, our nest, in the midst of that storm’s very path, was preserved.

Brother Jose gave a personal testimony: He remarked that, as he drove up for the study, at the very time that the same storm passed by our area, as soon as they reached Marshall Ave, about a mile south of this house, they crossed a rain line into dry weather, the weather that covered us. Pittsburgh received no damage. We thank the Lord for His provisions and seek His protection of the brethren who live in the affected areas.

The Florida region, approximately 1200 miles south of Pittsburgh, was likewise inundated with a different storm system late last month, Tropical Storm Debby. One site of interest for the *mustard seed* is the panhandle region of north-eastern Florida. Both Brooksville and Spring Hill were inundated with high gusts of wind and torrential rain, as well as a couple of fast moving (small) tornadoes since Sunday (6-24-2012) afternoon. Sister MarLynn, a resident of Springhill, reported her conditions to the *mustard seed*.

“We have fared well through it all thus far... not even a power outage, praise Father! We heard on the news this afternoon that there were about 45 new sinkholes (average size: 15 feet in diameter) that have opened up in various areas of Hernando County (our county) since Sunday (6/24/12). A portion of one of the main roads in Spring Hill has been blocked off because of a sinkhole right in the middle of it. Other roads have been blocked off due to high water. Several homes have been evacuated due to sinkhole activity underneath a portion of those houses. Our son's friend had damage to a portion of his house and yard due to tornadic activity in his neighborhood. Truly, we have many things to be thankful for -- the fact that Tropical Storm Debby has remained a tropical storm and hasn't increased in speed or intensity for one thing. Even as I write this email, a band of rain and wind gusts is coming through. I have no reason to worry or be afraid, however, for *the Lord my God is with me!*” —a personal E-mail from M. Shelley.

We can rest in the Lord’s assurance that He will deliver Sister Shelley, a supporter of His Kingdom.

### OTHER NEWS UPDATES



Reports from Edmonton regarding the Wing family reveal that they are recovering well from the auto accident which occurred weeks ago. We are amazed that Colleen and Shanoi, the only occupants of the car at the time of the accident, were blessed to survive that collision. Below is a picture of the vehicle from which they were extricated.

By the time this letter reaches you, we will have completed the first leg of our summer tour. We plan to travel to Toronto for baptism, study, and prayer. Please look forward to our report in next month’s newsletter.

Sincerely,  
Derek