

Ellen G. White 1915 Manuscripts 1-5

Ms 1, 1915

Testimony of Ellen G. White

February 24, 1915 and April 3, 1915

When waking out of sleep, she called the nurse to her side and said, "I want to tell you. I hate sin (repeated three times). I am charged to tell our people, that some do not realize, that the devil has device after device, and he carries them out in ways that they do not expect. Satan's agencies will invent ways to make sinners out of saints.

"I tell you now, that when I am laid to rest, great changes will take place.

"I do not know when I shall be taken; and I desire to warn all against the devices of the devil.

"I want the people to know that I warned them fully before my death.

"I do not know especially what changes will take place; but they should watch every conceivable sin that Satan will try to immortalize."

April 3, 1915

To Her Grandchildren

"Remember the Lord will carry us through. I am guarding every moment, so that nothing may come between me and the Lord. I hope there will not. God grant that we may all prove faithful. There will be a glorious meeting soon."

Ms 2, 1915

Interview/Between Dr. Paulson and E. G. White

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

January 24-25, 1915

An Interview Between Dr. David Paulson and Mrs. E. G. White

[January 24, 1915:]

After greetings, and a few introductory remarks, Sister White said:

I have thought that I should do the best I can and then leave the rest with God. I have no miserable regret, or cause for dissatisfaction.

I want to see my brethren cheerful. Every one that can take hold of encouragements, should do so, and present gladness and thanksgivings. And it is no task—it is a gratification; it is a satisfaction. God has made it to be just so.

I want to be a living testimony in the church. I want to tell my brethren of the goodness of God, and the grace of God; but I do not want to be limping at any point. I have a right to rejoice in the Lord and to glorify Him and honor Him. I do not have to stand and question and question whether I have any right to it. The Lord knows I have a right to these things. I have given my whole life to them.

I bore a clear testimony early in age, and I have nothing else to bear. If I had anything else to bear, I would be out of course. I have to keep in line. And as to sinking down and thinking about having trials about this thing and that and the other thing, I tell you, my brethren, it is all time lost—I cannot afford it. I have a living testimony as long as I shall live, and I shall bear it faithfully. You will want me to speak these words of encouragement, and you will appreciate them; and so I go right along. I have no time to hang down my head, no time to begin to mourn over anything. The Lord has been my helper, the Lord has been my God, and I have not a doubt.

If I could not realize that He has been my guide and my stay, do tell me what I could trust in. Why, I have just as firm a trust in God, and that he will set my feet on Mount Zion, as that I live and breathe; and I am going to keep that trust till I die.

I have no depression, I have no disconsolancy to speak to any living soul that is not sinning. If I know they are sinning, then I encourage them in a way that they will understand. Tell those whom you meet that Jesus would love to see them in a position where they are not mourning and complaining. God is love, and unless you have upset your confidence yourself, it remains true.

Get just as clear and plain ideas as possible, and not so many of them but that you can unfold them and impress them. That is what I am required to do; therefore, I do not allow myself to have any kind of faultfinding going on around me. I want to urge upon all who can hear me speak the necessity of strict confidence and light in the Lord—no blanket of darkness. We can rejoice, whereas if we did not keep our eyes open as to how the Lord was benefitting us, we would lose a great deal.

Just think of it—God is waiting for chances to renew His blessings to us, and we do not half acknowledge it.

I am glad I have a thankful heart—so glad, so glad. I do not want to complain, I do not have any disposition to complain. But you cannot encourage others to obtain this experience by encouraging them in a faultfinding spirit. God does not want any of us to do this. I have felt sometimes as if tears would run down my face, but I would keep myself to myself unless I knew I could speak in cheerful tones, and could talk encouragingly.

It is not possible for us to bind off the work in this sacred cause, and not have it bound up with the very elements that are essential, that is, meekness—you will gain a little by that; and confidence—you will

gain a little by that. When you manifest so much confidence in God, unbelievers will want to know more of the truths you tell about. The Lord wants you, and every one of us that can, to give Him the glory.

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[January 25, 1915:]

Dr. Paulson showed Sister White a picture of the first year nurses at Hinsdale Sanitarium, and said:

Instead of simply having them do work in the house—house cleaning and washing dishes—we have them in Chicago, going out two and two into the homes of the people, carrying the message of truth, holding Bible readings. You see these girls in the picture? This girl has brought eight persons into the truth since last July; this girl has brought five in; and this girl four; and this other girl holds readings in ten families.

Sister White: Be kind to them and appreciative, and you will see that you have their attention. I want to see the truth going; it is going; I have no need to say that; the truth is going. There is sometimes making too much haste; that is, they get in a hurry, and they do not give that attention to points that are essential to present before unbelievers. They cannot expect unbelievers to accept everything they give them unless an interest is manifested in these unbelievers; and if you manifest an interest in them, you will surely get them—that is the light I have on that subject.

Dr. Paulson: We are trying to reach the people in their homes. These workers go right into the homes of the people.

Sister White: That is what I wanted to know—the root of the matter. Yes; they will make an impression in the homes that they do not dream of. And most of these countenances have something interesting speaking from them. They are good faces. They are solid faces; they are not frivolous faces. The Lord will bless them.

Dr. Paulson: There are three or four colored people in the class. (C. C. Crisler told of Dr. Paulson's work.)

Sister White: Well, the Lord works with their efforts. He does not leave them to drop down into discouragement. He does not want this. There are good countenances here; the Lord will work through these workers to perfect Christian character.

C. C. Crisler: These are common people. They do not get much money; but they get souls and blessing.

Sister White: It would be good to give them some encouragement by showing that you appreciate them. Of course, you do not want to lift them up by praising them; and yet praise is a good offering to the Lord in showing that you appreciate those who are trying to work for the saving of souls. Oh, how I wish I could go as I did once!

In these great cities you can do a great deal of good, by showing an interest and letting your light shine forth. And the Lord is working with you. He is certainly doing this, and I feel so thankful.

I feel that a great burden has been taken off from me as I have looked through these books (pointing to a number of her books lying on the table). There will be some who will turn it one way, and some will turn it another way, and then you have to sit down calmly with them and tell them, That is not the way. We want to weave in the love of God, and if we weave in the love of God into our work and into all that we do, we may meet with some discouragement, but we have with us a God that works to counterwork that influence that would make a depression. I have wanted so to be right in the closing up of the work, that it is a hard thing for me to consent not to still go on.

Dr. Paulson: The books are going on.

Sister White: Those books are being published, and I thank the Lord with heart and soul and voice He lets me have a part in it.

Dr. Paulson: The books are preaching more now than you ever did.

C. C. Crisler: Dr. Paulson is doing the same sort of work, and covers a very wide territory through his editorial work, especially on the "Life Boat."

Sister White: Get everything you can of that nature, because you get their minds taken off from themselves and put on those things that are worthy of interest. We want to keep learning; we want to keep climbing—we cannot afford to stop. Oh, I want to do that good that will stand every test—that is, that we will see that they stand the test—and the Lord will help us. You may think frequently that people act cold, indifferent. Many do not feel thus; there may be a few; it would be a great wonder if there were not a few; but the thing is to understand the truth intelligently, and feel thankful and praise the Lord for it. I want to understand it intelligently; and, the Lord helping me, I mean to try to gather up some strength. Oh, I feel such love for the Lord when I consider what He has done for us poor, weak mortals.

C. C. Crisler: Dr. Paulson is finding some things in manuscripts that he is sure will help him to take right positions.

Sister White: That is the way we used to do in former times; we used to talk with each other confidently. We would say, What can we do next? We cannot pore over this all the time; we have got to get something that will lead out, lead them along. They know not where they are going; and when they begin to see where they are, they are so amazed that you could not drive them off the track. That is the way they are presented to me, and I expect they will be presented to you in the same way. But we have got to be true, and whole-hearted, and kindly and ready to pick up the one who has fallen, and to help and strengthen him.

Dr. Paulson: You know, Sister White, you have written much on the drug question, and it is very perplexing to some of our doctors. There are evidently some simple herbs and simple remedies that we can use, and yet when our doctors see your statements that no drugs should be used, they hold that this includes these things as well as the poisonous drugs. I am very anxious to get to the bottom of this question. I think I will have the whole light when I get together all the statements you have made.

Sister White: There are lots of them, and the Lord helps us. We need not depend on our own strength; for God comes right to our help, and puts His hand underneath the weakest ones. They look up; they see that a brother is helping them, and the tears begin to roll down their cheeks; for this is one they did not like. They come to stand in the position where they should stand; and the Lord helps them to find access to human hearts. We are God's people. I am so thankful, I am so thankful. You do not know how it fills my heart with satisfaction and joy to feel that the Lord is looking upon us and helping us—not me merely, but all of His workers. He has a good many workers. I want to be one to the last.

Dr. Paulson: I have come to feel that there is a place for prayer in our sanitarium work in the healing of the sick in connection with the remedies that we have not quite appreciated as we should.

Sister White: Repeat that.

Dr. Paulson: I have come to feel that we have not used prayer as much as we should with our remedies. We have not prayed enough for our sick patients.

Sister White: That is it. You see, there is a power waiting to work for us, if we will be worked. And it is so fresh and full—well, the first thing they know, it has broken down all this selfishness; and when you get selfishness broken down, there will be a great work done.

These books I have been getting out are in the Lord's order. I want to work intelligently, that He may look at my work and say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Sister White (praying): Our Heavenly Father, Thou knowest what I need better than I can tell Thee; but I come to Thee with all my necessities; with all my perplexities, and I ask that Thy blessing may rest upon those who are trying to bring the truth before the people. May they see light in Thy light, and rejoice in Thy truth. I ask Thee this day to let Thy blessing rest upon those who are seeking for a deeper work of grace in their hearts; and I believe that Thou wilt give it. I believe that Thou wilt be forward to impart that blessing; for we ask it all for Christ's sake. Amen.

Ms 3, 1915

Prayer of E. G. White

December 26, 1914

Prayer by Sister E. G. White during an interview with Elder and Mrs. E.W. Farnsworth

Heavenly Father, we come to Thee with our brethren to repeat the same prayers that they have offered for me and others. Let Thy blessing rest upon us. Be Thou our front guard and our rearward, that the enemy shall have no power to control mind or body, but that we shall be in a position that Thou canst speak and we can hear.

Thou wilt answer our petitions; and we ask Thee, Lord, for Christ's sake, if it is Thy will, to give me strength and to give me grace to still continue. I am perfectly willing; or, I am perfectly willing to leave my work at any time that Thou seest best. Oh Lord, I greatly desire to do some things, Thou knowest,

and would be willing to do them if Thou wilt give me strength; but we will make no complaint, because Thou hast spared my life so much longer than many anticipated and than I have anticipated myself.

And now I ask Thee that my brethren that have come to see me, my children—I call them my children—I ask Thee to give them Thy grace and Thy keeping power under all circumstances and under all conditions. Thou canst guard them. We want to see the Lord's work done; and wherever Thou canst give strength to have it done, we pray Thee that Thou wouldst give that strength at this time.

Give us light; give us joy; give us the great grace that Thou hast in store for the needy; and let us obtain it; and help us to carry it out. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Sweep back every mist of darkness and let the sunlight of Thy glory in. We give ourselves to Thee tonight. We are so pleased to see these brethren. We do not know what to say nor we hardly know how to treat it—it is a graciousness that we did not expect—but we ask Thee to let Thy blessing rest upon them, and let it rest upon me. And may we see the order of the Lord, and may we see the glory of His working in the meetings that shall be held. We ask Thee in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Amen.

Ms 4, 1915

Interview/Comments to C. C. Crisler

Sunday forenoon, March 7, 1915, March 7, 1915

Words spoken by Sister White during an interview with C. C. Crisler, Sunday forenoon, March 7, 1915

My courage is grounded in my Saviour.

I want that peace that abounds in Christ Jesus.

My work is nearly ended.

Looking over the past, I do not feel the least mite of despondency or discouragement in any way. I feel so grateful that the Lord has withheld me from despair and discouragement, and that I can still hold the banner. I am very grateful that it is so.

I know Him whom I love and in whom my soul trusteth.

(As regards death:) I feel, the sooner the better; all the time that is how I feel—the sooner the better. I have not a discouraging thought, nor sadness; yet I did hope I should be able once more to speak to the people; but that is the Lord's business, not mine.

I have no desire to plaster on any additions to what I have. (Uncertain as to whether this refers to books or to Christian experience.)

I have light and faith and hope and courage and joy in the Lord, and that is enough. I do not hunger after more of the same kind, because the Lord understands what I can bear, and He gives me grace to bear up under the discouragements that I have had to bear sometimes, and I feel thankful for that.

I have nothing to complain of; but I do thank the Lord for all His goodness and all His mercy and all His love.

(Pointing to and handling some of her books:) I appreciate these books as I never did before. I appreciate them. They are truth, and they are righteousness, and they are an everlasting testimony that God is true.

I have nothing to complain of. Let the Lord take His way and do His work with me so that I am refined and purified; and that is all I desire. I know my work is done; it is no kind of use to talk anything else. I shall rejoice, when my time comes, that I am permitted to lie down to rest in peace. I have no kind of desire that my life should be prolonged.

(Sister White united in prayer, as follows:)

Heavenly Father, I come to Thee, weak, like a broken reed, yet by the Holy Spirit's vindication of righteousness and truth that shall prevail. I thank Thee, Lord, I thank Thee, and I will not draw away from anything that Thou wouldst give me to bear. Let Thy light, let thy joy and grace, be upon me in my last hours, that I may glorify Thee, is my great desire; and this is all that I shall ask of Thee. Amen.

(Following the prayer:)

I did not know how it would be in the last, the very last, on account of the affliction. But I find that I can lean my whole weight on the promises of God; and I do not at all doubt or question His wisdom in any way, that He has provided for me to be carried through; and I will rejoice just as long as I have tongue and voice.

Ms 5, 1915

Interview/Comments to C. C. Crisler

March 10, 1915

An Interview Between C. C. Crisler and Mrs. Ellen G. White, Wednesday morning, March 10, 1915

In an interview this morning with Sister White, I outlined to her some of the plans our bookmen are making for an increased circulation of our denominational publications, and told her also of the publishers' convention now in session at Mountain View.

Sister White once more expressed her pleasure over the privilege she had two years ago of meeting with so many of the bookmen from Pacific Press territory; and then she said:

"I am very glad for all they are doing for the circulation of our books. The publishing branch of our cause has much to do with our power. I do desire that it shall accomplish all that the Lord designs it should. If our bookmen do their part faithfully, I know, from the light God has given me, that the knowledge of present truth among those not yet acquainted with the reasons of our faith will be doubled and trebled. This is why I have been in so much of a hurry to get my books out, so that they could be placed in the

hands of the people and read. And in the foreign languages the Lord designs that the circulation of our books should be greatly increased. Thus we shall be placing the cause of present truth on vantage ground. But let us remember that in all our endeavors we must seek daily for an individual Christian experience. Only as we keep in close touch with the Source of our strength shall we be enabled to advance rapidly and along even lines.”