

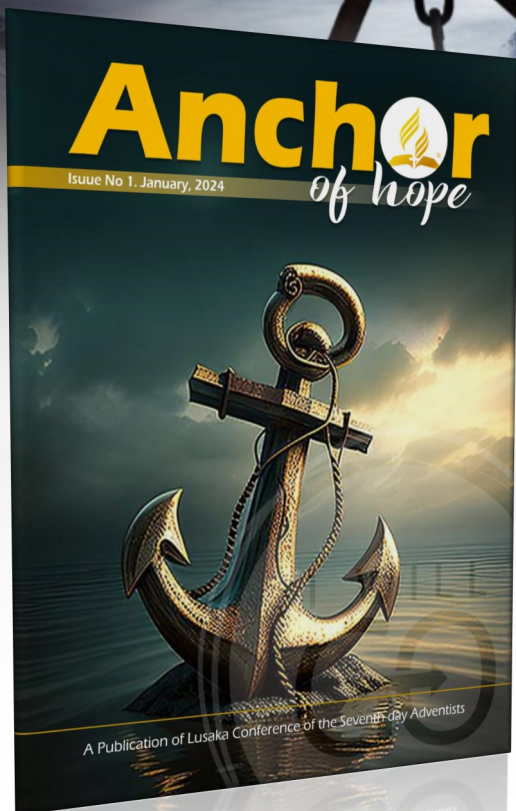
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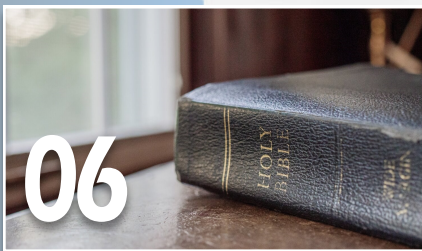
ABOUT ANCHOR OF HOPE

Anchor of Hope is a Christian magazine published by Lusaka Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists whose purpose is to share with all people the message of hope in Jesus Christ the coming King of the universe.

As a reader of this publication, you will find it as an existing companion in the journey of hope as its contents deepen spiritual life, develop intellectual strength and share the Adventist lifestyle in the context of the Three Angels Messages of Revelation 14:6-12. Its philosophy and ideologies are based on the Biblical teachings as emphasized by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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What is the Anchor doing in the Holy of Holies?



PASTOR STANLEY CHILEMBO
Anchor of Hope Editor

In the grand tapestry of biblical imagery, the Anchor stands as a symbol of stability, hope, and security. Yet, when we encounter the notion of an Anchor within the sacred precincts of the Holy of Holies, as hinted in Hebrews 6:19, the significance deepens, inviting us into a profound exploration of faith, redemption, and the sacred mystery of Christ's atonement.

Hebrews 6:19 reads, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain." Here, the author of Hebrews paints a vivid picture,

intertwining the metaphor of an anchor with the sanctity of the Holy of Holies. The Anchor, traditionally associated with ships and maritime settings, now finds its place within the most sacred space of the heavenly Tabernacle, the place where Christ our Lord and High Priest is ministering on our behalf.

To grasp the full significance of this imagery, we turn to the timeless hymn, "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less." The hymn's refrain resounds with the confession: "On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand." This proclamation echoes the sentiment of

Hebrews 6:19, affirming Christ as the steadfast Anchor of our souls, grounding us in the unshakeable foundation of His blood and righteousness.

But why does the Anchor find its dwelling in the Holy of Holies? The answer lies in understanding the purpose of this sacred space within the Hebrew Tabernacle and later, the Temple. The Holy of Holies represented the dwelling place of God's presence among His people, a realm accessible only to the high priest and veiled from the ordinary worshipper. It was here, in the innermost chamber, that the Ark of the



“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,... let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

Covenant rested—a tangible symbol of God's covenant relationship with Israel.

In the Old Testament, the high priest would enter the Holy of Holies once a year on the Day of Atonement, carrying the blood of sacrificial animals to make atonement for the sins of the people. This ritual foreshadowed the ultimate atonement to come through the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ, whose blood would cleanse humanity of sin once and for all and later His ministry as High Priest in heavenly sanctuary.

The Anchor's presence in the

Holy of Holies signifies the anchoring of our hope in the person and work of Christ, who entered into the heavenly Holy of Holies, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, securing eternal redemption for all who believe (Hebrews 9:12).

As we reflect on the Anchor within the Holy of Holies, we are reminded that our hope is not anchored in fleeting temporal realities but in the eternal truths of God's unfailing love and faithfulness. Like ships navigating tumultuous waters, we cling to the Anchor of our

souls, trusting in the promise of Christ's finished work on the cross and His ongoing intercession on our behalf which the Hebrews author says, “Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,... let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

In conclusion, the Anchor's presence in the Holy of Holies beckons us to anchor our faith securely in Christ, the solid Rock, who alone provides true stability and security in a world engulfed by uncertainty. May we, like the hymn writer, declare with unwavering confidence: “On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.”

Back to our FOUNDATIONS

With the world swaying in the poisonous clouds of moral and spiritual degradation, ranging from same sex marriages to incest, where should Seventh-day Adventists stand? Where should we stand when the vast majority of the Christian Church tramples upon the six literal day creation story and goes for millions of creation years?



PASTOR KEITH CHUUMPU
Conference President

When the world is gripped with insatiable appetite for wealth and riches, what should be our hope? What should be our anchor when social institutions are rife with dishonesty, fraud, and outright exploitation as a way of survival? When millions of Christians are seeking spiritualism and getting financial ‘blessings’ at the expense of a “*thus saith the Lord*,” what must be our stand? Should we join them?

Should we too, normalize homosexuality and lesbianism, and bless same sex marriages in our churches? Should we join the ivory towers of ‘intellectual’ supremacy and the theories of evolution, and forget our old-time religion? Should we now join the rush for wealth? Should we join the jungle of survival of the fittest, and get wealth by hook and crook? And baptize it in our churches? Should we also bow down to spiritualism, and enjoy the ‘blessings’ that come with it, at the expense of the revealed will of God?

The dark cloud upon our world is no strange phenomenon. The Bible says:

“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving,

unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power” (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

It also says that Satan will perform “great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect (Matt. 24:24). Yet at this very time, God calls for a special people to arise. In the book of Isaiah He says, “For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you” (Isaiah 60:2). “Arise,” He says, and “shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you” (Isaiah 60:1). These are a people of the word. While the world tramples upon and forsakes God’s word, theirs is a “thus saith the Lord.” “To the law and to the testimony!”, they proclaim, “If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them” (Isaiah 8:20). At every one of Satan’s moves they answer, like their Master, “It is written” (Matt. 4:4). Nothing in heaven or hell can move them. They can neither be bought nor sold. They are “as true to duty as the needle to the pole;” they “will stand for the right though the heavens fall” (Ellen G. White, Education, p. 57). And these are

Seventh-day Adventists.

We are a special movement. While the world forsakes the six literal day creation story and the Sabbath, we proclaim, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.” “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.” “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them” Revelation 14:7; Exodus 20:8,11). We believe in marriage as “a monogamous heterosexual relationship between one male and one female” (Church Manual, 20th Edition, p. 161). While we believe in hard work and in biblical stewardship, we also believe that we are not of this world; that “we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out,” and that therefore we should “not love the world or the things in the world,” but that we should “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to” us (1 Tim. 6:7; 1 John 2:15; Matt. 6:33). “When they say to you,” says Isaiah, “seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter, should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?” (Isaiah 8:19). We believe that “the dead know nothing,” and that

they do not “praise the Lord, Nor any who go down to silence” (Ecclesiastes 9:5; Psalm 115:17). Therefore, we do not speak to nor consult the dead.

It is important to remember therefore that we are not just any other movement. We are God’s movement. God has specifically called us to bring the world back to His word. He has called us to light up the world with His testimony. So, we cannot sit still. We must all get involved. We must all run. And to enable this, the church has created many ministry opportunities for every age group. Are you concerned about incest and child abuse? You are welcome to the Children Ministries. Are you concerned about gender and

transgender issues and how they may affect today’s youth? You are welcome to the Seventh-day Adventist Church youth movement. Does your heart burn with fire as you watch the Christian church forsake the bible? As you see Bishops and Pastors marry woman to woman and man to man? Are you passionate about the biblical truth? And you feel like personally proclaiming it? You are welcome to the Personal Ministries department. Do you love the poor and vulnerable in society? Does your heart burn with passion as you watch our reckless world abuse them? Welcome to our Community service wings of Dorcas and the Adventist Men organizations. Are you concerned about how our

secular education systems are mis-educating the masses with the theories of evolution? Such as the Big Bang Theory? Welcome to our Education department. Our schools labour to debunk these theories. Are you ‘angry’ at our society as it creates unbiblical stories about albinos and other differently abled persons? Stories that end up in ritual killings? Are you passionate about the disabled? Or are you disabled yourself? You are welcome to the Adventist Possibility Ministries. In totality, the Seventh-day Adventist church is structured to “prophesy again” (Revelation 10:11), to the world. We are structured to bring back the entire world to the biblical principle of life and worship. And we cannot sit still. No Seventh-day Adventist can.

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MISSION STATEMENT

MISSION

To make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ who live as His loving witnesses and proclaim to all people the everlasting gospel of the Three Angels Messages in preparation for His soon Return (Matt. 28:18-20, Acts 1:8; Rev. 14:6-12).

VISION

In harmony with Bible revelation, we see as the climax of God's plan the restoration of all His creation to full harmony with His perfect will and righteousness.

METHOD

Guided by the Bible and the Holy Spirit, we pursue our mission through Christ-like living, communicating, discipling, teaching, healing, and serving.

Be a Mentor

ANCHOR

The younger generation need God-loving mentors in their lives, who will advise, correct, and at times, rebuke them. We are to raise up the next generation of God-fearing people, and help them to follow His ways.



MRS. FLORENCE KAUNDA
Women Ministries Director

In marine transport an anchor is a tool that guarantee travellers safety as they sail through the water. It is a reliable mainstay and principal supporter in an event of raging sea due to storms. As believers, we need an anchor to secure our life and help us to face different kinds

of situations. We need something to build our confident as we pass through storms. The story of Queen Esther in the Bible gives us a wonderful example of how our trust and confidence in God can keep us firmly grounded through such storms of life. Esther, a beautiful, yet humble lady, raised by her cousin Mordecai, saved a generation through her bravery. Her story illustrates how God can use anyone for His plans and how we, especially women,

can fight our fears and bring glory to God.

We read that when Esther learnt of the plans to annihilate all the Jews in the provinces, and was implored to approach the king to stop it; Esther was afraid for her own life. No one was to approach the king, without being first called before him. Esther tried to avoid taking any action, but Mordecai again pleaded with Queen Esther to do something to save the Jewish people. Finally, Esther remembered on whom her hope was anchored. By faith, she instructed all the Jews to join her in prayer and fasting for three days and three nights. At the end of those three days, she would then approach the king with her request. Praise be to God; her request was granted by the King at the end of the days of prayer and fasting. When we

have God as our anchor, the storms of life will not assail us.

From the story of Esther, we also see that God places mentors in our lives to give us wisdom. He provided Mordecai as a mentor for Esther. Mordecai raised Esther to be God fearing and obedient. Like Mordecai, the Lord has a work for each one of us parents and guardians. The younger generation needs God-loving mentors in their lives, to advise, correct, and at times, rebuke. We are to raise up the next generation of God-fearing people, and help them to follow His ways. Any who may be facing challenges may seek the advice of mentor who will help them discern and guide them with the Bible as their compass. Elderly women must be like Mordecai, to be

mentors for the younger people in our families, churches and communities. Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he grows, he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).

When Esther stepped up and spoke to save the Jewish people, she couldn't have known that she would be impacting generations to come. Her selfless and brave acts saved the Jews and impacted generations for many years to follow.

We can also impact many generations with our message of salvation, starting with those in our sphere of influence. Let us invite people to church and lead them to Jesus. These may in turn lead others to Christ as the message of salvation continues to be shared from

RELEVANT TIPS FOR MENTORING YOUNG PEOPLE

- 1. Lead by Example:** Demonstrate positive behaviors and values that you want your youngster to emulate. Your actions speak louder than words.
- 2. Encourage Independence:** Foster independence by allowing your youngster to make decisions and learn from their experiences. Offer guidance and support, but let them take ownership of their choices.
- 3. Listen Actively:** Practice active listening to understand your youngster's thoughts, feelings, and concerns without judgment. This builds trust and strengthens your relationship.
- 4. Provide Constructive Feedback:** Offer feedback in a constructive and supportive manner, focusing on areas for improvement while also acknowledging their strengths and achievements.
- 5. Set Realistic Goals:** Help your youngster set realistic and achievable goals, and support them in developing a plan to reach those goals. Celebrate their progress along the way.
- 6. Expose Them to New Experiences:** Encourage exploration and curiosity by exposing your youngster to diverse experiences, hobbies, and opportunities for learning and growth.
- 7. Be Patient and Understanding:** Understand that growth takes time and setbacks are part of the learning process. Be patient, supportive, and understanding during challenging times.
- 8. Celebrate Diversity:** Embrace diversity and teach your youngster to respect and appreciate people from different backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives.
- 9. Encourage Lifelong Learning:** Foster a love for learning by encouraging your youngster to explore their interests, pursue new skills, and seek knowledge beyond the classroom.
- 10. Be a Role Model:** Be a positive role model for your youngster by demonstrating integrity, resilience, empathy, and a lifelong commitment to personal growth and development.

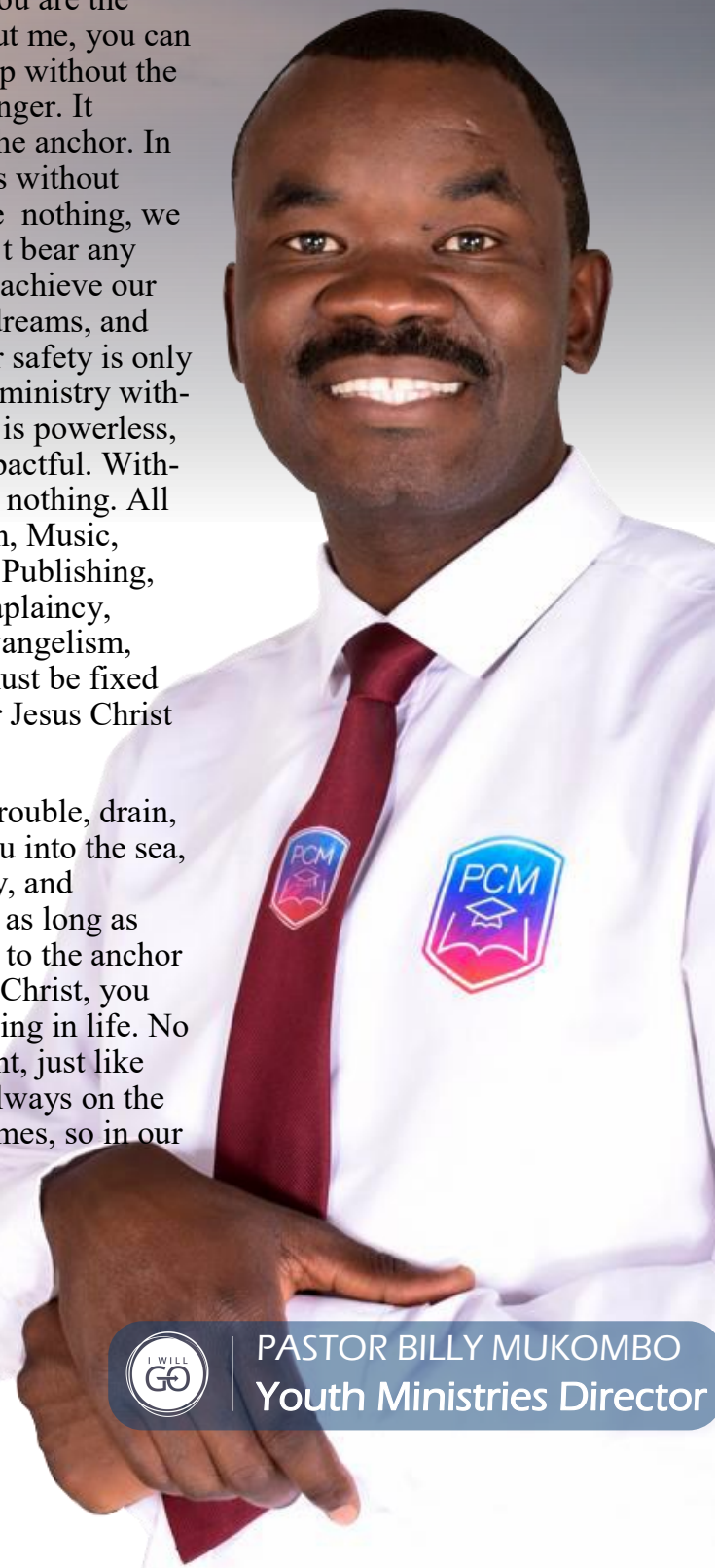
JESUS: Our Chief Anchor

THE anchor holds the ship at the dock of the river, lake, or ocean shore. No matter how the wind blows at the shore, the ship is safe and secure from being taken and blown away. Though the tempest rages, the vehement storm courageously and rapaciously hammers and the ship is moved to and fro but within the docking range. The ship's owner is not even an inch moved knowing the strength of the anchor to which the ship is tied. The storms of life are real and Jesus is an urgent need in times of pain, mourning, divorce, loss of employment, and pandemics that hold the world with so many restrictions and untimely conditions, that are sometimes biased to certain conditions that would claim innocent lives. That moment when the ship is left alone and not holding to the anchor and the storm boisterously bits, the ship is gone without help.

Life presents itself with various opportunities that could turn someone's life fortunately to positivity and unfortunately ruins. The rope that holds to the anchor must always be very strong and ever in excellent condition. Never at any time should the rope be weak otherwise it's declared redundant and useless. Jesus said in John 15:5,

"I am the vine and you are the branches, and without me, you can do nothing". The ship without the anchor is in great danger. It always depends on the anchor. In like manner our lives without Jesus our anchor, are nothing, we cannot hold, we can't bear any fruit, and we cannot achieve our strategic plans, our dreams, and our goals in life. Our safety is only in Jesus our anchor, ministry without Jesus the anchor is powerless, fruitless and less impactful. Without Jesus, we can do nothing. All our ministries, Youth, Music, Education, Children Publishing, Sabbath School, Chaplaincy, Religious liberty, Evangelism, prayer, preaching, must be fixed on our Chief Anchor Jesus Christ to prosper.

When life's storms trouble, drain, and seems to cast you into the sea, a prison of unhealthy, and financial quagmires, as long as you keep holding on to the anchor of Life who is Jesus Christ, you will soon have meaning in life. No situation is permanent, just like the storm is never always on the sea, it comes sometimes, so in our lives, we shall face storms of life but keep holding on to the anchor of life. You may be unemployed, unmarried, divorced, widowed, orphaned, or in a



PASTOR BILLY MUKOMBO
Youth Ministries Director

desperate situation right now, but know that the anchor holds the ship and no matter what the magnitude of the boisterous wind, the ship is going nowhere, it's anchored on the shore and the rope is extremely strong that the ship.

Out of heartbroken with pain in 1992, pastor Lawrence Chewnin wrote and performed a song after a devastating run of events in his family, an accumulation of misfortunes, he lost his father, lost a little boy child, a third miscarriage, as a family, they went through depression and took a sabbatical for six months to just reflect on God. He took a piano in his hands and what came to his mind was that just “the anchor holds”. He resigned as a pastor, broken down with painstaking life moments, he said God, where are you when I am your pastor and going through such brokenness? He finally came to the conclusion that The Anchor holds through this song:

“I have journeyed through the long dark night: Out on the open sea by faith alone sight unknown and yet his eyes were watching me. The anchor holds

*Though the ship is battered
The anchor holds
Though the sails are torn
I have fallen on my knees
As I faced the raging seas
The anchor holds*

*In spite of the storm; I've had visions, I've had dreams; I've even held them in my hand
But I never knew; They would slip right through; Like they were only grains of sand: I have been young; But I am older now*

*And there has been beauty;
These eyes have seen; But it was in the night; Through the storms of my life*

The anchor holds though the ship is tossed about. The hope is firm on the anchor. Our hope in all our programming, events, camps, rallies, camp meetings, music conventions, community services, administrative committees, executive meetings, church board and business meetings should all be anchored on Jesus Christ. I am meant to believe that all human beings regardless of career, business, calling and religious affiliation face struggles, unfortunate circumstances, pain, sickness, mourning, and death moments in our families. In spite of all these situations, Jesus our anchor holds us by his hand, to pull us through to new hopes, opportunities, success and prosperity.

In the words of Ellen G. White, “Above all else, the word of God sets forth the plan of salvation: shows how sinful man may be reconciled to God, lays down the great principles of truth and duty which should govern our lives, promises us divine aid in their observance. It reaches beyond the brief and troubled history of our race. It opens to our view the long vista of eternal ages, ages darkened by sin, undimmed by sorrow. It teaches us how we may share the habitations of the blessed, and bids us anchor our hopes and fix our affection there (EGW 1923, FE 542.4).

In our pursuit of wisdom and knowledge, in research for solutions to parotic and life-

threatening situations, Christians need to depend upon Christ as the anchor of wisdom and knowledge.

Ellen White states that “God has permitted a flood of light to be poured upon the world, in both science and art; but when professed scientific men treat upon these subjects from a merely human point of view, they will assuredly come to wrong conclusions. It may be innocent to speculate beyond what God’s word has revealed if our theories do not contradict facts found in the scripture; but those who leave the word of God, and seek to account for his created works upon scientific principles, are drifting, without chart or compass, upon an unknown ocean. The greatest minds, if not guided by the word of God in their research, become bewildered in their attempts to trace the relations of science and revelation. Because the creator and his works are so far beyond their comprehension that they are unable to explain them by natural laws, they regard Bible history as unreliable. Those who doubt the reliability of the records of the Old and New Testaments will be led to go a step further and doubt the existence of God; and then, having lost their anchor, they are left to beat about upon the rocks of infidelity” (EGW 1894, CE 193.2).

May God help us rely on Jesus in all the missionary endeavors so that we may behold Christ in that which we choose to behold, listen, see, eat, choice of associates, and places we choose to go to.

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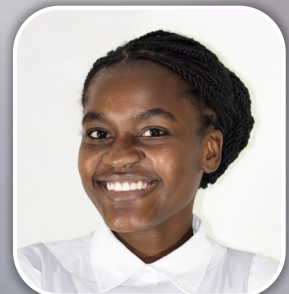
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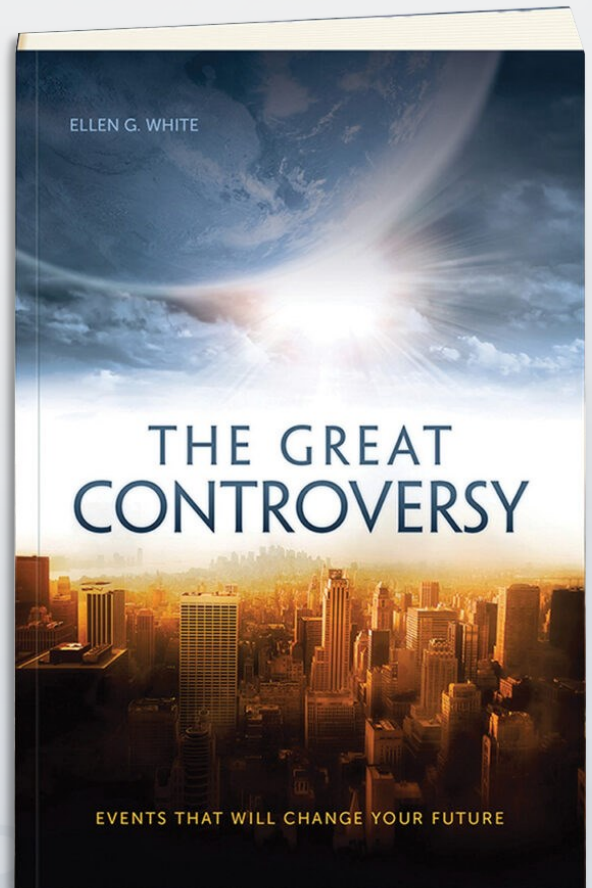


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EVENTS THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR FUTURE



FAMILY FINANCES FOR YOUNG COUPLES



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GENERALLY, it may be considered that getting married makes sense in a financial way, however due to a lack of knowledge and experience of how to properly manage family finances can lead to great catastrophe, which in turn disrupts the wellbeing of the family. It is therefore imperative for a young couple or a young family to sit down and ask the following question; how do we manage our family finances? If you as a young couple or family have asked yourselves this question, here are some helpful guidelines as to how well the said family finances can be managed.

To begin with, it is imperative that the economic structure of a family is robust. As such, it is essential that a young couple build together the foundations of this structure. The key to effectuate this goal is for both husband and wife to share a coincided view with regards to the monetary prescience objectives. What then does this mean? In simpler terms, this entails that both parties to the marriage must bring to the fore their needs, wants and or desires, so as to have a focused based economic goal. As such, opening up to one another is key to attaining this facet.

Once it the first step of opening

up has been established, it is now imperative that we move on to the next step. This next step involves creating a budgeting structure that is inclusive of both husband and wife. As a couple, prioritize your needs over your wants as you budget together. It is essential that what should come first must be discussed together and reasons as to why it must come first must be given. As such, this is the stage where all important house hold needs are determined. This includes expenses such as rent, utility bills, groceries and other important expenses. It is important that these obligations need to be met before you spend on your luxury or extra items.

Budgeting can keep a lid on spending, and keep money from slipping through couples fingers.

The next step in managing family finances is to perform regular expenditure evaluations as this ensures that expenditures follow the predetermined financial plan. It is essential that expenditures are reviewed every now and then, and in the event that an expenditure goes beyond what was initially budgeted for, a solution can quickly be found to address the issue. The benefit of this stage is that it enables you and your partner to decide which expenses can be removed and in turn more money to be saved or

to be allocated to more important needs.

Disasters or emergencies often come at times you least expect them to appear, as a result, the financial stability of your family can destabilise. As such, preparing for such times is very essential. You and your partner should develop an emergency fund for both small and large unexpected expenses. This way, you won't be stressed when the unexpected situation arises.

Lastly, couples should allocate some funds meant for investing. Saving money alone is generally not enough to cover all set

financial goals. The idea of investing is that it ensures present and future financial security, allows you to grow your wealth and it has the potential to meet certain financial goals, this could be purchasing or building a house, setting up retirement corpus and could also assist the emergency fund. It is thus important for you and your partner to learn about various investments and start investing.

In conclusion, the above mentioned points are essential as they help young couples or families manage their family finances and in turn have strong financial stability.



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Sabbath School:

Where everyone is involved in mission and everyone is cared for

“The influence growing out of Sabbath school work should improve and enlarge the Church”

(COUNSELS ON SABBATH SCHOOL WORK, P. 9).

While the foundation of Sabbath School will always be Bible study and prayer, the focus of Sabbath School is mission. And just as Sabbath School itself is not merely a preliminary to the worship service, the Sabbath School Mission Program is not an optional preliminary to Sabbath School Bible study class time. Indeed, the mission program is a vital component that helps make Sabbath School Alive

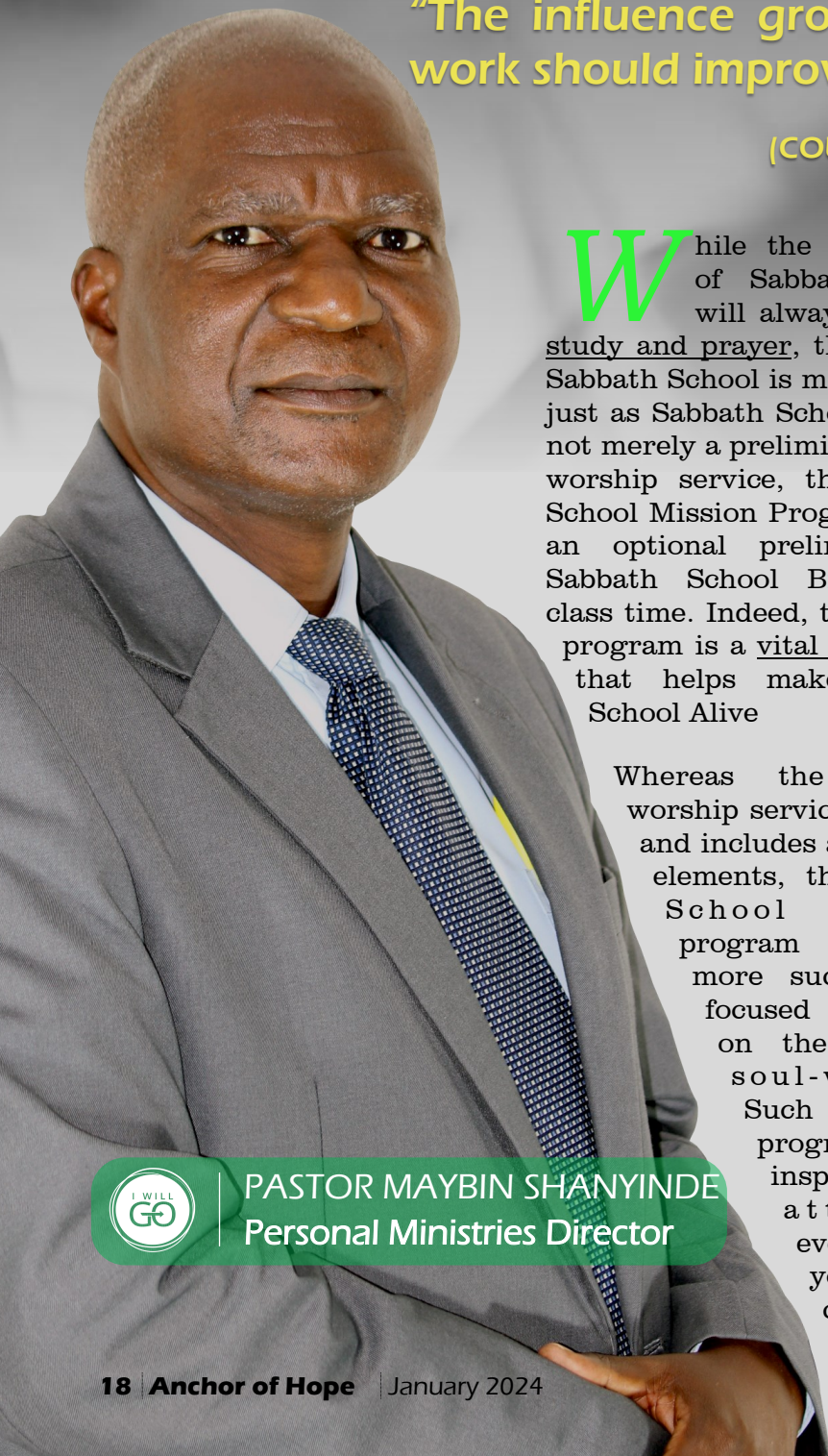
Whereas the Sabbath worship service is longer and includes a variety of elements, the Sabbath School mission program is much more succinct and focused exclusively on the work of soul-winning. Such a mission program will be inspiring and attractive even for the youth of the church

Do not imagine that you can arouse the interest of the young by going to the missionary meeting and preaching a long sermon. Plan ways whereby a live interest may be aroused. From week to week the young should bring in their reports, telling what they have tried to do for the Saviour, and what success has been theirs. If the missionary meeting were made an occasion for bringing in such reports, it would not be dull, tedious, and uninteresting. It would be full of interest, and there would be no lack of attendance.” (*Gospel Workers*, p. 210, 211; *Christian Service*, p. 212)

Each week, the mission program should highlight three essential elements of evangelism:

1) Global Mission Report: *Their Work*

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a prophetic movement raised up in these last days to give the Three



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Angels' Message "to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people" (Revelation 14:6). This worldwide evangelistic mandate should be reiterated every Sabbath in every local church. Even if we have not been called to a remote mission field, it is vital to support with our prayers and offerings the work of those who have.

2) Local Outreach Testimony: *Our Work*

For many, the term "missionary" has become synonymous with "foreign missionary." To keep fresh in the minds of our people that evangelism is local as well as global, the Sabbath School mission program should include testimonies of soul-winning work from the home territory of every local congregation.

3) Personal Ministries Training: *My Work*

"Let the missionary meeting be turned to account in teaching the people how to do missionary work" (*Christian Service*, p. 211). Like any good sermon, every mission program should close with a challenge for personal application. Having witnessed inspiring reports of soul-winning work around the world and close to home, the final element of the Sabbath School Mission Program is training for personal ministry.

Sample Sabbath School Mission Program (09:00 — 09:30)

Welcome, Opening Song, and Prayer	(5 min)
World Mission Report	(5 min)
Local Testimony or Ministry Highlight	(5 min)
Personal Ministries Training	(5 min)

Sabbath Class time

09:30 – 09:35	Register time
09:35 – 09:55	Care/outreach time
09:55 – 10:30	Lesson study

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In today's rapidly changing world, the call to revive the "Old Time Religion" echoes with profound significance for the end-time church. But what does this entail, and what does the church need to focus on to embody this timeless faith? Let's explore.

Defining the Old Time Religion:

The term "Old Time Religion" often evokes images of traditional hymns, fervent prayer meetings, and steadfast adherence to biblical

principles. It represents a deeply rooted faith characterized by simplicity, sincerity, and unwavering commitment to God. In essence, it embodies the core teachings and practices of early Christianity, emphasizing personal piety, community fellowship, and evangelistic zeal.

The Central Elements of Old Time Religion:

One thing should be known clearly, the call to revive the old time religion does not refer to any other form of religion but those long standing biblical ways which saved our fathers. At its heart, "the old time religion," is a soul saving religion, pointing us to Savior. Jesus said, "For the Son man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). And apostle Paul wrote, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of every acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..." (1 Timothy 1:15). Our call for old time religion should be old enough to take us back some 2,000 years ago and help us behold on that old ragged cross the Savior crucified. If what we call old time religion does not revive our commitment to Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, it is just a mere claim and display of perishables.

In his song "Give me that Old Time Religion," Charles Davis Tillman

states,

"It was good for the prophet Daniel; It was good for the fiery furnace; It was good for Paul and Silas, it is good enough for me."

These lines presents great lessons on how old-time religion can lead us back to God . The old time religion finds a vivid portrayal in the life of the prophet Daniel, whose unwavering faith and commitment to God amidst adversity serve as timeless example for believers across generations. Daniel's life exemplifies the core principles of the old-time religion, characterized by devotion to God's Word, steadfast prayer, and unyielding integrity.

The early church in Acts serves as a powerful example of the Old Time Religion in action. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42). Their unwavering commitment to Christ and His mission turned the world upside down, leading to widespread conversion and transformation.

Key Areas for Revival:

In the End-time movement, several Adventist pioneers exemplified the principles of the Old Time Religion through their sacrificial dedication to spreading the gospel message. Their

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Reviving Faith for the End Time Church:

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adherence to biblical principles, emphasis on doctrinal purity, personal holiness, and prophetic mission laid the foundation for the Adventist movement, guiding believers to remain faithful to God's Word amidst the changing times

1. Adherence to Biblical Principles: Living according to the teachings of Scripture is fundamental to the Old-time Religion. This includes obeying God's commandments, following the example of Jesus Christ, maintaining good Christian behavior in habits, dress and attitudes. Each one of us must strive to live a life that reflects the character of Christ. The old-time religion calls upon believers to love God with all their heart, soul, and mind and to love their neighbors as themselves (Matthew 22:37-39) through compassion ministry.

2. Doctrinal Integrity: The end-time church must reaffirm its commitment to sound biblical doctrine. This involves a return to the foundational truths of Scripture, such as the Sabbath, the sanctuary, the state of the

dead, and the soon return of Christ. Without a solid doctrinal foundation, the church risks being swayed by the winds of contemporary culture and theological compromise.

3. Personal Holiness: Old-time Religion places a high value on personal holiness and righteous living. In a world marked by moral relativism and spiritual apathy, the church must reclaim its call to holiness. This entails living lives that reflect the character of Christ, resisting sin, and pursuing spiritual growth through prayer, study of the Word, and dependence on the Holy Spirit.

4. Community Engagement: Authentic Christian community lies at the heart of the Old Time Religion. The end-time church must prioritize fellowship, mutual support, and accountability among believers. This includes caring for the marginalized, reaching out to the lost, and embodying Christ's love in tangible ways. In a fragmented society, the church's unity and love serve as a powerful witness to the transforming power of the gospel.

5. Prophetic Mission: From an Adventist perspective, the Old Time Religion encompasses a prophetic mission grounded in the Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14. This message calls for a return to worshipping the Creator, exposing Babylon's deceptions, and proclaiming the imminent return of Christ. The end-time church must embrace its prophetic identity and engage in bold, prophetic proclamation, calling people to repentance and faith in preparation for the Second Coming.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the call to embrace the Old Time Religion resonates deeply with the end-time church. By reviving the core principles of biblical truth, personal holiness, community fellowship, and prophetic mission, believers can reclaim the timeless faith that has the power to transform lives and prepare hearts for the soon return of Christ.

STEWARDSHIP and LORDSHIP

Navigating the Transformative Journey of Discipleship

INTRODUCTION:

The concept of stewardship within Christian communities faces practical challenges despite theoretical acceptance. Often misunderstood and met with defensiveness, stewardship requires a deeper exploration that extends beyond financial contributions. This article aims to unravel the misconceptions, emphasizing the transformative power of stewardship and its intimate connection with the lordship of Christ.

Misconceptions and Challenges:

Stewardship is frequently misunderstood as a plea for financial contributions, triggering defensive reactions. To fully embrace stewardship, it is essential to dispel the notion that it revolves solely around fundraising. Instead, it represents a holistic approach to life, involving the responsible management of all God-given resources.

Beyond Finances:

Stewardship, correctly understood, transcends financial matters. It is a transformative power fostering a profound walk with God. This holistic approach encompasses time, talents, and relationships, redirecting the focus from material wealth to spiritual abundance. Stewardship becomes a pathway to a meaningful connection with God.

Transformation Through Stewardship:

Approached with the right perspective, stewardship holds the potential for personal and communal transformation. It involves embracing a lifestyle reflective of Christ's teachings, going beyond meeting financial quotas. The true power lies in redirecting focus towards spiritual abundance and fostering a deeper connection with God.

Reframing Perspectives:

To overcome resistance, reframing perspectives is crucial. Stewardship should be seen as a tool for spiritual growth. Emphasizing its role in fostering a meaningful walk with God enables believers to actively participate in God's

transformative work.

HOLISTIC STEWARDSHIP:

Stewardship encompasses the responsible management of time, temple (body), talent, and treasure (money). These areas are intricately interdependent, forming a balanced and purposeful approach to living. Understanding the significance of each component is crucial for embracing a holistic stewardship lifestyle.

Time: The Essence of Life:

Recognizing the value of time is paramount, as it measures existence and links individuals to their purpose. Time serves as the canvas upon which the story of one's life is painted, emphasizing its importance in fulfilling the reason for existence.

Temple (Body):

In stewardship, the body is acknowledged as the vessel through which time is harnessed and purpose is realized. Good health becomes the foundation for implementing life's ideas, recognizing the body as both hardware and resource for active engagement with the world.

Talent (Ability):

Talent encompasses divine gifts such as skills, intelligence, and wisdom. Recognizing and honing these talents unlocks individual potential, contributing to the greater good. Stewardship emphasizes that financial abundance is a byproduct of faithful management of foundational elements.

Treasure (Money):

While money is a tangible outcome of stewardship, it is

not the primary focus. Proper management of time, temple, and talent naturally leads to financial abundance. Stewardship underscores that money is a byproduct of faithful management rather than the ultimate goal.

Relationship with God:

Central to the stewardship equation is the relationship with God. Understanding God's role in providing identity and purpose is fundamental. Stewardship recognizes a shared



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image, partnership, and dependence between God and humanity.

Dependence on God:

Stewardship flourishes with a clear acknowledgment of roles—God as Lord and humanity as stewards. Success hinges on humanity's dependence on God and faithful stewardship. Trusting God, recognizing His provision, and being faithful stewards lead to holistic success.

STEWARDSHIP AS A TRANSFORMATIVE ADVENTURE:

Stewardship emerges as a profound concept, transcending mere resource management. It involves the intimate integration of God into every facet of life, representing a transformative adventure. Stewardship becomes a daily exploration of deeper connection and communion with Christ.

Continuous Process and Lordship:

The foundation of stewardship lies in a continuous process, reaffirming one's salvation in Jesus Christ through faith. Accepting Jesus as both Lord and Owner, and acknowledging His living presence within, guides and controls every aspect of life.

Critical Connection between Stewardship and Lordship:

The narrative emphasizes the critical connection between stewardship and intimate lordship. Without this profound relationship, stewardship is depicted as powerless and empty. However, with the conscious recognition of Christ's presence, stewardship takes on a life-transforming quality—a daily journey filled with new experiences and a deeper walk with God.

Stewardship as the Human Side of Lordship:

In essence, stewardship represents the human side of Lordship. It positions individuals as stewards entrusted with managing the resources placed in their hands by Jesus, the ultimate Lord. Accepting God as the owner and willingly giving Him control reshapes the approach to daily living.

HOLISTIC TRANSFORMATION THROUGH LORDSHIP:

Lordship transcends simple surrender; it requires integration into the core of one's being. It prompts a reevaluation of priorities, actions, and perspectives, culminating in holistic transformation. Accepting Jesus as Lord is a transformative act that reshapes daily living and prompts an intimate connection with the divine.

Jesus Christ as Lord:

The apostle Paul emphasizes Jesus Christ as Lord based on His identity and actions. Despite being God, Jesus chose to become human, fully identifying with our sins and sacrificing Himself on Calvary. Acknowledging Jesus as Lord is not just a future acknowledgment; it is an eternal reality rooted in a transformative relationship.

Roots of Lordship in Creation:

Lordship's roots lie in creation, where Adam and Eve were designed for intimacy with God. Humans are born with both the capacity and need for this connection, seeking union with God for true peace and satisfaction. Lordship signifies the realization of this intended union.

Promise of Another Comforter: The biblical concept of Lordship centers on the promise

of another Comforter—fulfilled through the indwelling presence of Christ. This promise brings strength and power through the Holy Spirit, allowing Christ to dwell in hearts through faith. It results in the fullness of God entering lives, establishing an intimate connection.

Lordship and Submission:

Lordship involves submission, recognizing the natural inclination toward rebellion. Radical transformation occurs through surrender to God, restoring the natural order and allowing God to resume His place in lives. Submission connects individuals to God as the source of strength.

Dynamic Lordship:

The essence of Lordship is the fulfillment of God's promise to work within individuals, shaping desires and actions. Lordship evolves into a living relationship with the King by abiding in Him and allowing Him to abide in us. This transforms Lordship from a mere concept to a dynamic experience, ushering in the concept of intimacy here on earth as we await our continued intimate relationship with God when He comes the second time.

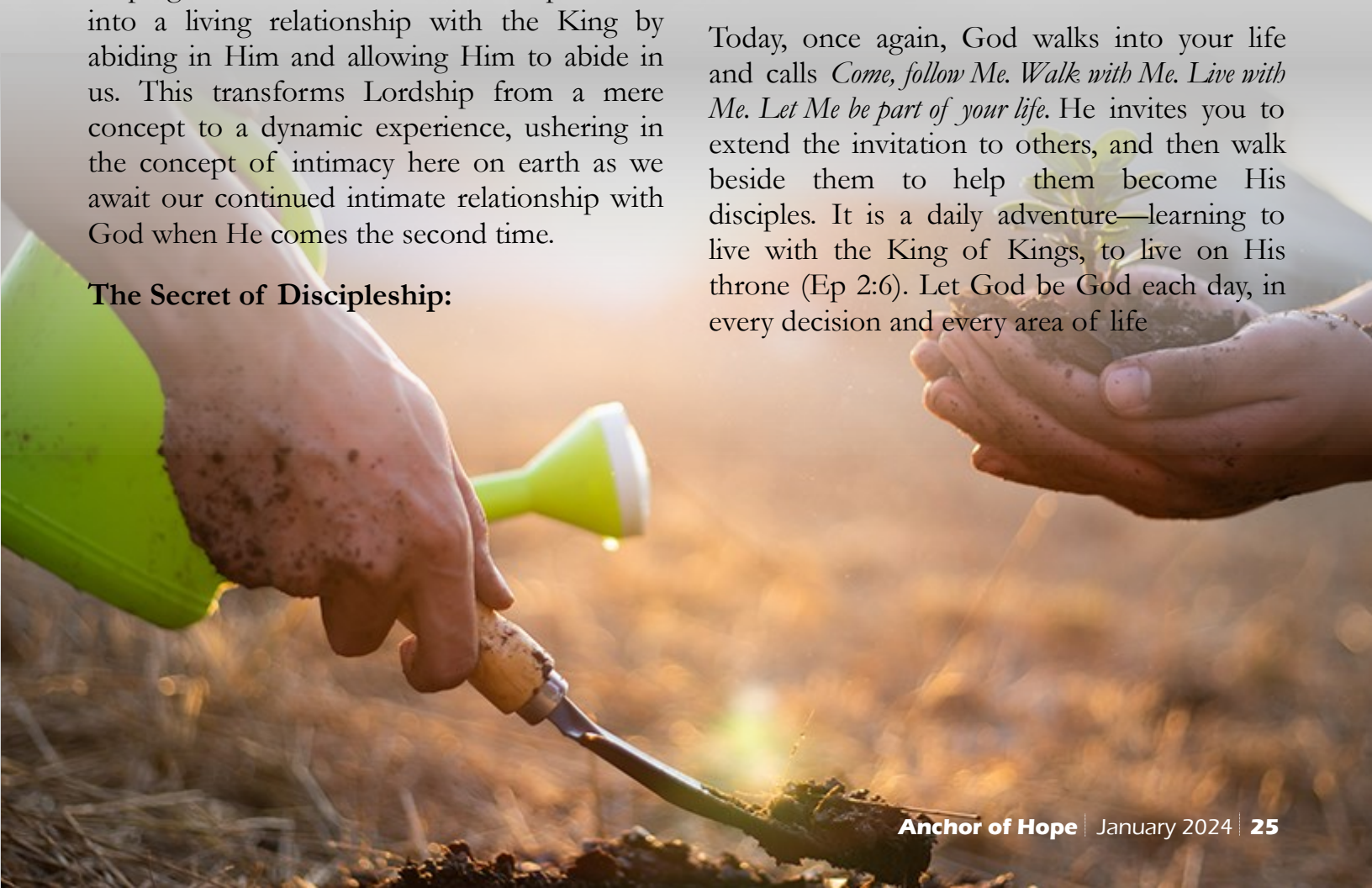
The Secret of Discipleship:

Affirming the gospel and accepting God as the owner are not enough. Discipleship's frustration arises from inherent sinful nature breaking through despite good efforts. The secret lies in accepting the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. This transformative power gives a new heart and puts the Spirit within, producing the fruit in the life of discipleship.

CONCLUSION:

The article concludes with an invitation to explore the paradigm of Stewardship and Lordship, urging readers to make it their own life perspective. Encouraging a profound shift in mindset aligns with the transformative power of stewardship grounded in the intimate lordship of Christ. The daily adventure of discipleship, learning to live with the King of Kings, is presented as the most exciting privilege available today. It is an ongoing journey of intimacy, growth, and the extension

Today, once again, God walks into your life and calls *Come, follow Me. Walk with Me. Live with Me. Let Me be part of your life.* He invites you to extend the invitation to others, and then walk beside them to help them become His disciples. It is a daily adventure—learning to live with the King of Kings, to live on His throne (Ep 2:6). Let God be God each day, in every decision and every area of life



CHOLERA

Understanding the Disease, and how to Prevent it.

Cholera is a diarrheal disease caused by a bacterium known as *Vibrio cholera*. Although many types of *Vibrio cholera* exist, the subtypes associated with epidemics/pandemics are the sero-groups O1

and O139.¹ The disease has been around for centuries, with cholera like symptoms described in Indian literature from as far back as the 5th Century B.C.² The first Cholera pandemic originated in the Ganges Delta, India, in 1817.³ There have been several pandemics since. Each year, the disease affects between 1.3 to 4 million people with anywhere between 21000 to 143000 deaths.⁴ In October 2023, the cholera outbreak was declared in Zambia and as at 26th January 2024, there have been 14, 900 cases with 560 lives lost.⁵

The bacteria enter the body through intake of contaminated water and food. Large epidemics usually arise from faecal contamination of water supply. Major risk factors for cholera are, unsafe drinking water, poor sanitation and inadequate hygiene, conditions common in urban slums.

Once in the small intestine, the bacteria produces a toxic chemical (enterotoxin) that pools water and electrolytes out of the cells into the lumen of the intestines. This leads to massive accumulation of water and electrolytes resulting in severe watery diarrhoea. If the fluids and electrolytes are not quickly replaced, dehydration and shock quickly ensue, and ultimately death. Symptoms include profuse watery

diarrhoea, vomiting, thirst, body cramps, restlessness and irritability. As the disease progresses, the patient becomes very weak, may go into a coma and die, all within hours.

Key preventive measures:

- 1) **Wash hands with soap and safe water**
 - Before, during and after food preparation
 - Before and after eating food or feeding your children
 - After use of the toilet
 - After cleaning your child's bottom
 - After caring for someone who is suffering from diarrhoea
- 2) **Drink**
 - Drink safe water: water that is boiled and/or chlorinated
- 3) **Food**
 - Eat foods that are thoroughly cooked and are still hot
 - Avoid raw foods and vegetables other than fruits that you have peeled yourself
- 4) **Use a latrine or toilet**⁶

Remember: If you or any other family member or friend have diarrhoea, rush to the nearest health facility, regardless of the time, as cholera can kill within hours. Do not wait for daybreak if this happens in the night. The greatest number of deaths in the current epidemic have been in the community and not at the health facilities.





Let us all join in the global fight to END CHOLERA.

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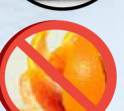
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WHAT ARE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS?





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	Sudden onset and large amount of watery diarrhoea	Ukupolomya kwamukupumikisha ubusali kwamenshi ayengi	Kuyamba kwa kuthulula chimbudzi cha madzi chokha- chokha
	Stool that has a characteristic “rice-water” appearance	Ubusali ubwabutulukila ngamenshi umuli umupunga	Kuthulula tuvi towoneka ngati madzi a mpunga
	Vomiting	Ukuluka	Kusanza
	Weakness	Ukulayumfwa uwanaka	Kufooka kwa thupi

Anyone with the **above symptoms** must be rushed to the nearest health centre.
 Ngachakutila mwaumfwa ngefitantikwe kabiyeni mukundapwa mukwangufyanya.
 Munthu aliyense amene wapezeka ndi zizindikiro izi ayenera kupelekedwa ku chipatala mwa m’sanga.

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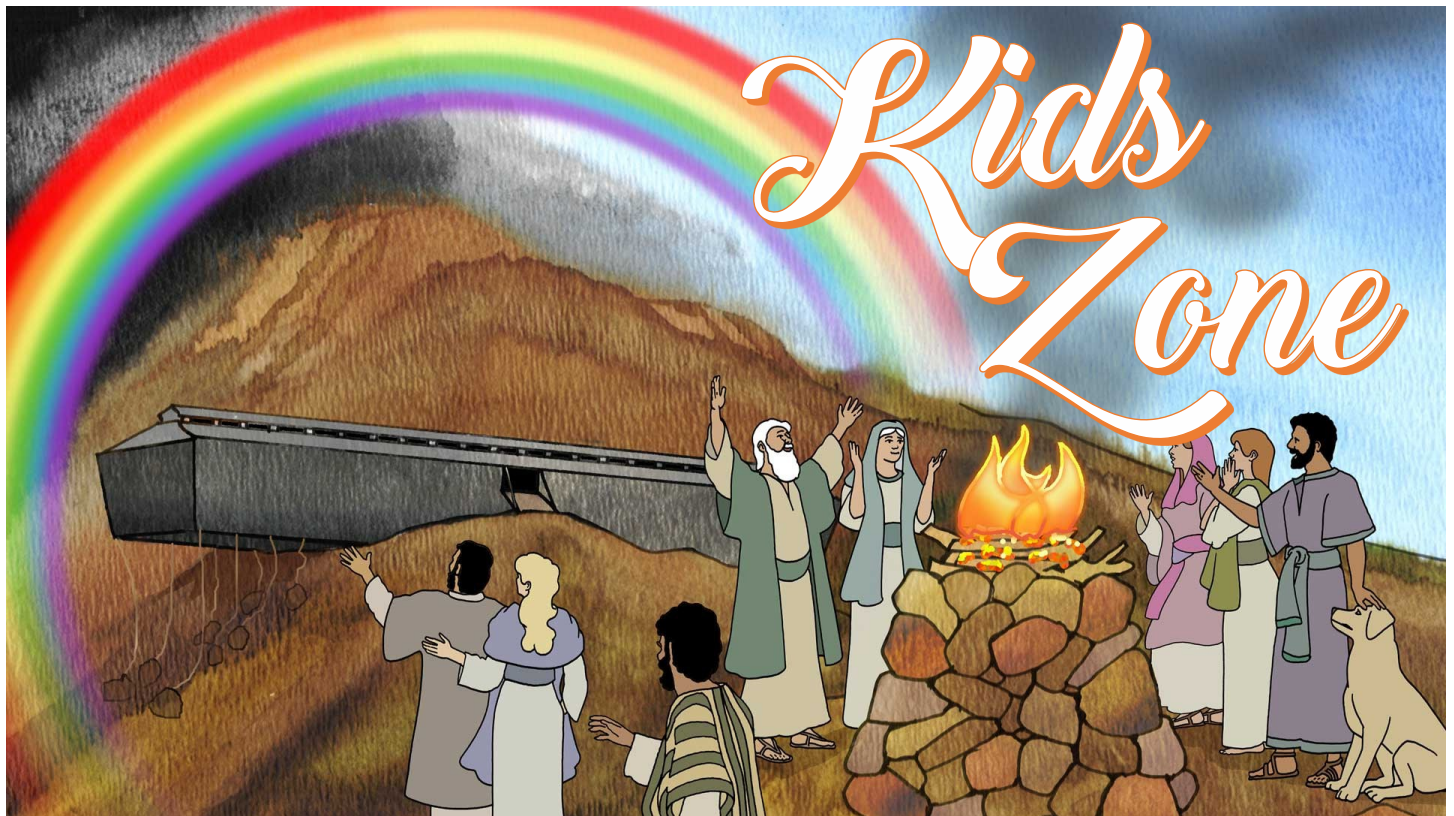
	ENGLISH	BEMBA	NYANJA
	Drink and use safe water	Nweni nokubomfya amenshi ayashakowela	Onani kuti mukumwa ndi kugwiritsa nchito m’madzi aukhondo
	Wash your hands often with soap and safe water	Sambeni kuminwe nasopo namenshi ayashakowela	Sambani m’manja nthawi zonse kugwiritsa nchito sopo ndi madzi aukhondo
	Use a latrine or toilet	Bomfyeni ichibusu	Gwiritsani nchito zimbudzi nthawi zonse
	Avoid raw foods and vegetables other than fruits you have peeled yourself	Mwilalya ifyakulya ifishaipikwa komafye ngafisabo muyubile mwebene	Pewani kudya zakudya zanu ku nchenche, bwindikilani pa zakudya zanu

FOOD SAFETY

			
Do not use unauthorized chemicals to preserve your food	Do not store raw and cooked food in the same container	Do not use sewage water for gardening	Do not buy food from undesignated areas or places

If you have diarrhoea or vomiting seek help at any nearest health facility or call 909 free or 0963930883, 0976904261/73, 0956513193/79 between 08:00hrs & 1700hrs





The Anchor of Salvation

AS TOLD IN GENESIS CHAPTER 6 TO 9

Once upon a time, there was a man named Noah who lived in a world where people weren't very nice to each other. They did mean things and didn't listen to what was good. But Noah was different. He loved God and was kind to people, animals and nature.

One day, God looked down and saw how bad things had gotten on Earth. People were hurting each other, and the world was full of sadness. So, God decided to do something to start over, to make things right again.

God told Noah about a big flood that was coming. But God didn't want Noah and his family to get washed away, so he asked Noah to build a giant boat, called an ark, to

save them and lots of animals. Noah didn't waste any time. He gathered wood and started building the ark with his sons. The neighbors laughed at Noah, but he knew he had to listen to God.

As Noah worked on the ark, animals started to come to him, two by two. Lions, tigers, elephants, giraffes, all kinds of animals came to Noah for safety. Noah welcomed them all onto the ark.

When the big storm came, the rain poured down for forty days and forty nights. But inside the ark, Noah and his family were safe and dry, along with all the animals.

After the flood, God put a beautiful

rainbow in the sky as a sign that he would never flood the earth again. Noah and his family knew they had been saved by God's love.

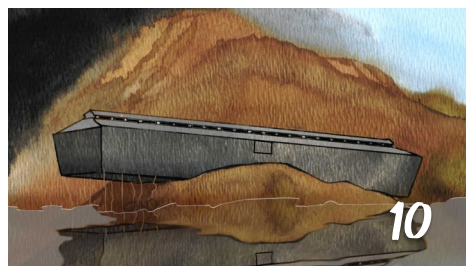
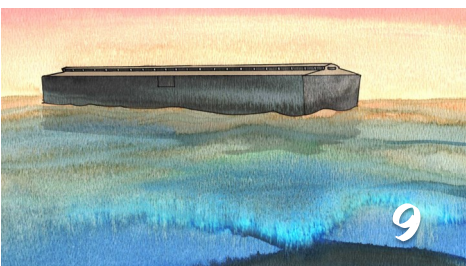
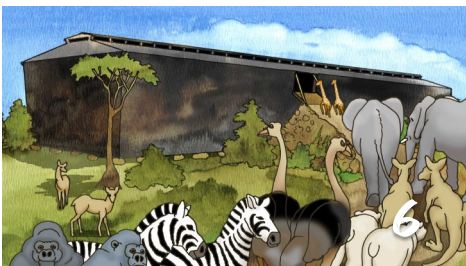
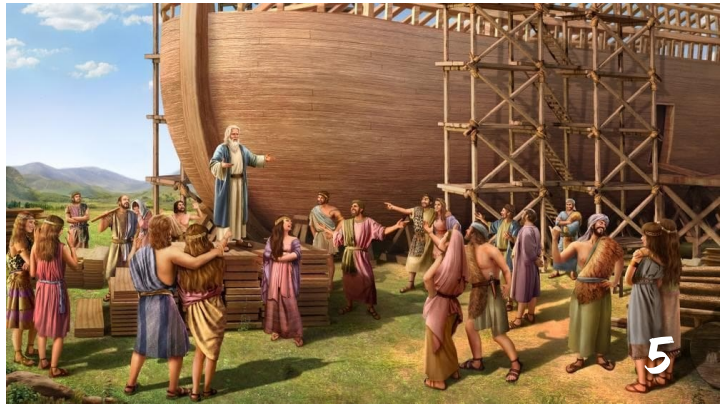
So, why did God send the flood? Well, it was like a big reset button for the world. God wanted to give everyone a fresh start, a chance to do better and be kinder to each other.

Noah and his family survived because they listened to God and trusted him. They followed his instructions and built the ark, and because of that, they were saved from the flood. It's a reminder that even when things seem scary, God is always there to guide us and keep us safe.



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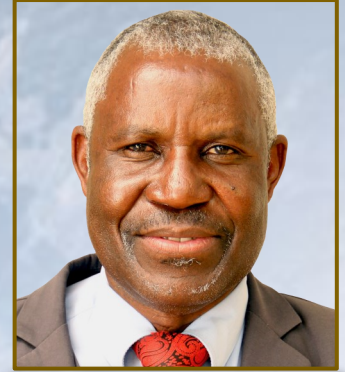
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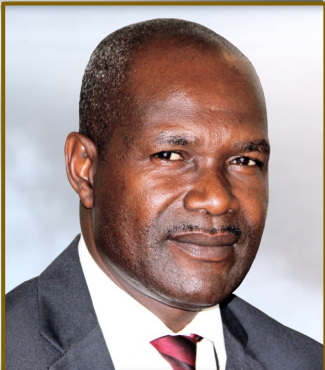
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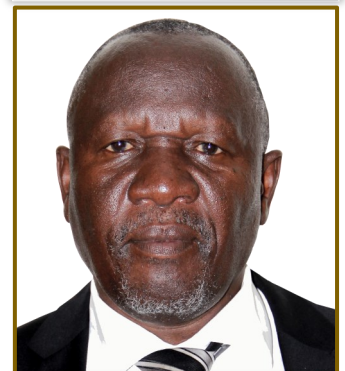
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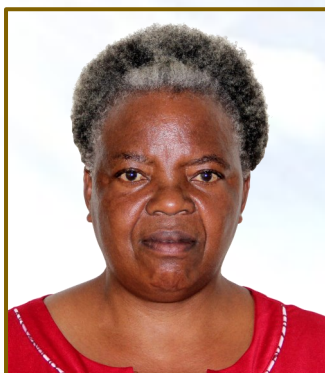


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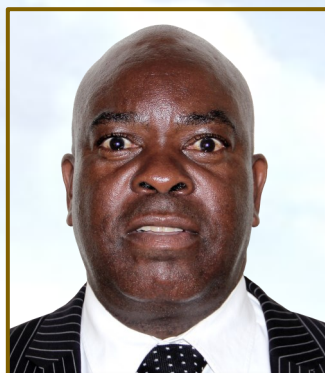
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