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### The Great Controversy, pt. 32: Snares of Satan

Move of US Embassy to Jerusalem, Prophetic. Steps to Mark of the Beast in Trump's Tax Reform Bill. Pope to Change the Lord's Prayer as he did God's Sabbath & Weeps Over Jerusalem.

1a. What is the title of chapter 32 of *The Great Controversy*? \_\_\_\_\_

1b. Note: Definitions for a Snare: (1) a contrivance often consisting of a noose for entangling birds or mammals or a trap, a gin. (2) something by which one is entangled, something deceptively attractive. (3) one of the catgut strings or metal spirals of a snare drum; a trap set. (4) a surgical instrument consisting usually of a wire loop constricted by a mechanism in the handle and used for removing tissue masses (such as tonsils). <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/snare>

2. What does the wicked set for us? Its purpose is to lead us away from God's precepts and Laws. Psalm 119:110,109 \_\_\_\_\_

3a. What is one of Satan's snares? \_\_\_\_\_

The great controversy between Christ and Satan, that has been carried forward **for nearly six thousand years, is soon to close; and the wicked one redoubles his efforts** to defeat the work of Christ in man's behalf and **to fasten souls in his snares. To hold the people in darkness and impenitence till the Saviour's mediation is ended, and there is no longer a sacrifice for sin, is the object which he seeks to accomplish.** {GC 518.1}

3b. Read Ecclesiastes 9:10,12 and write your thoughts \_\_\_\_\_

4a. What does Satan do as God's preachers are preparing their messages to present them to the people? \_\_\_\_\_

As he sees the messenger of God searching the Scriptures, he takes note of the subject to be presented to the people. Then he employs all his cunning and shrewdness so to control circumstances that the message may not reach those whom he is deceiving on that very point. **The one who most needs the warning will be urged into some business transaction which requires his presence, or will by some other means be prevented from hearing the words that might prove to him a savor of life unto life.** {GC 518.3}

4b. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-12; Luke 14:17-21 and write your thoughts \_\_\_\_\_

5a. What does Satan do as God's messengers are praying for the peoples' conversion as they hear the messages? \_\_\_\_\_

Again, Satan sees the Lord's servants burdened because of the spiritual darkness that enshrouds the people. He hears their earnest prayers for divine grace and power to break the spell of indifference, carelessness, and indolence. **Then with renewed zeal he plies his arts. He tempts men to the indulgence of appetite or to some other form of self-gratification, and thus benumbs their sensibilities so that they fail to hear the very things which they most need to learn.** {GC 519.1}

5b. Read Luke 21:34-36 and write your thoughts \_\_\_\_\_

6a. What does Satan know and what does he do? \_\_\_\_\_

Satan well knows that all whom he can lead **to neglect prayer and the searching of the Scriptures**, will be overcome by his attacks. Therefore he invents every possible device to engross the mind. {GC 519.2}

**Again, worldly wisdom teaches that prayer is not essential.** Men of science claim that there can be no real answer to prayer; that this would be a violation of law, a miracle, and that miracles have no existence. The universe, say they, is governed by fixed laws, and God Himself does nothing contrary to these laws. Thus they represent God as bound by His own laws--as if the operation of divine laws could exclude divine freedom. {GC 525.2}

6b. Read Psalm 91:1-4; Matthew 6:6,17,18 and write your thoughts \_\_\_\_\_

7a. Another snare of Satan is to use the unconverted people in the church to falsely accuse people who are faithful, thus weakening their influence upon others.

There has ever been a class professing godliness, who, instead of following on to know the truth, make it their religion to seek some fault of character or error of faith in those with whom they do not agree. **Such are Satan's right-hand helpers. Accusers of the brethren are not few, and they are always active when God is at work and His servants are rendering Him true homage.** They will put a false coloring upon the words and acts of those who love and obey the truth. **They will represent the most earnest, zealous, self-denying servants of Christ as deceived or deceivers. It is their work to misrepresent the motives of every true and noble deed, to circulate insinuations, and arouse suspicion in the minds of the inexperienced.** In every conceivable manner they will seek to cause that which is pure and righteous to be regarded as foul and deceptive. {GC 519.2}

7b. Read Revelation 12:10,11 and write your thoughts \_\_\_\_\_

8a. What is another snare of Satan? \_\_\_\_\_

**The great deceiver has many agents ready to present any and every kind of error to ensnare souls--heresies prepared to suit the varied tastes and capacities of those whom he would ruin. It is his plan to bring into the church insincere, unregenerate elements that will encourage doubt and unbelief, and hinder all who desire to see the work of God advance and to advance with it.** Many who have no real faith in God or in His word assent to some principles of truth and pass as Christians, and thus they are enabled to introduce their errors as Scriptural doctrines. {GC 520.1}

8b. Read Numbers 11:4-23,33; Numbers 13:31-33 with Numbers 14:1-10 and write your thoughts \_\_\_\_\_

9a. What is another snare of Satan? \_\_\_\_\_

**The position that it is of no consequence what men believe is one of Satan's most successful deceptions.** He knows that the truth, received in the love of it, sanctifies the soul of the receiver; **therefore he is constantly seeking to substitute false theories, fables, another gospel.** From the beginning the servants of God have contended against false teachers, not merely as vicious men, but as inculcators of falsehoods that were fatal to the soul. **Elijah, Jeremiah, Paul, firmly and fearlessly opposed those who were turning men from the word of God.** That liberality which regards a correct religious faith as unimportant found no favor with these holy defenders of the truth. {GC 520.2}

9b. Read Galatians 1:6-9 and write your thoughts \_\_\_\_\_

9c. Read Revelation Job 34:30 and write your thoughts \_\_\_\_\_

9c. Read Revelation Isaiah 29:20,21 and write your thoughts \_\_\_\_\_

10a. What is another snare of Satan? \_\_\_\_\_

**By the cry, Liberality, men are blinded to the devices of their adversary, while he is all the time working steadily for the accomplishment of his object.** As he succeeds in **supplanting the Bible by human speculations, the law of God is set aside, and the churches are under the bondage of sin while they claim to be free.** {GC 522.1}

10b. Read 2 Timothy 2:25,26 and write your thoughts \_\_\_\_\_

11. What is another snare of Satan? \_\_\_\_\_

**To many, scientific research has become a curse...** Human knowledge of both material and spiritual things is partial and imperfect; therefore many are unable to harmonize their views of science with Scripture statements. **Many accept mere theories and speculations as scientific facts, and they think that God's word is to be tested by the teachings of "science falsely so called."** 1 Timothy 6:20. The Creator and His works are beyond their comprehension; **and because they cannot explain these by natural laws, Bible history is regarded as unreliable.** Those who doubt the reliability of the records of the Old and New Testaments too often go a step further and doubt the existence of God and attribute infinite power to nature. Having let go their anchor, they are left to beat about upon the rocks of infidelity. {GC 522.3}

12a. What is another snare of Satan? \_\_\_\_\_

**It is a masterpiece of Satan's deceptions to keep the minds of men searching and conjecturing in regard to that which God has not made known and which He does not intend that we shall understand. It was thus that Lucifer lost his place in heaven. He became dissatisfied because all the secrets of God's purposes were not confided to him, and he entirely disregarded that which was revealed concerning his own work in the lofty position assigned him.** By arousing the same discontent in the angels under his command, he caused their fall. **Now he seeks to imbue the minds of men with the same spirit and to lead them also to disregard the direct commands of God.** {GC 523.1}

12b. Read Genesis 2:16,17; Genesis 3:1-11 and write your thoughts \_\_\_\_\_

**12c.** **It is not essential for us to be able to define just what the Holy Spirit is. Christ tells us that the Spirit is the Comforter, "the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father." It is plainly declared regarding the Holy Spirit that, in His work of guiding men into all truth, "He shall not speak of Himself." John 15:26; 16:13. {AA 51.3}** The nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery. Men cannot explain it, because the Lord has not revealed it to them. Men having fanciful views may bring together passages of Scripture and put a human construction on them, but the acceptance of these views will not strengthen the church. Regarding such mysteries, which are too deep for human understanding, silence is golden. {AA 52.1}

**12d.** Let those who are presenting theories as to whether the earth is round or flat, leave this question, for God has not given it to them to solve, and earnestly inquire, "What shall I do that I may have everlasting life?" Let them heed the answer, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." {21MR 419.6} Nonessential questions will be brought in by those who do not purify their souls by obeying the truth. They fall far short of the standard of loving God supremely and their neighbor as themselves. I am bidden to say that sophistries will be brought in to take the place of the pure gospel of Jesus Christ. The message is given, "Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." This word has been fulfilling among our people. {21MR 420.1}

13a. What is another snare of Satan? \_\_\_\_\_

**Another dangerous error is the doctrine that denies the deity of Christ, claiming that He had no existence before His advent to this world.** This theory is received with favor by a large class who profess to believe the Bible; yet it directly contradicts the plainest statements of our **Saviour concerning His relationship with the Father, His divine character, and His pre-existence. It cannot be entertained without the most unwarranted wresting of the Scriptures.** It not only lowers man's conceptions of the work of redemption, but undermines faith in the Bible as a revelation from God. While this renders it the more dangerous, it makes it also harder to meet. **If men reject the testimony of the inspired Scriptures concerning the deity of Christ, it is in vain to argue the point with them; for no argument, however conclusive, could convince them.** "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Corinthians 2:14. **None who hold this error can have a true conception of the character or the mission of Christ, or of the great plan of God for man's redemption.**

{GC 524.2}

13b. In speaking of his pre-existence, Christ carries the mind back through dateless ages. He assures us that there never was a time when He was not in close fellowship with the eternal God. He to whose voice the Jews were then listening had been with God as one brought up with Him.--{ST, August 29, 1900 par. 15}

13c. Jesus declared, "I am the resurrection, and the life." In Christ is life, original, unborrowed, underived. "He that hath the Son hath life." The divinity of Christ is the believer's assurance of eternal life.--The Desire of Ages, p. 530 (1898)

14. What is another snare of Satan? \_\_\_\_\_

**Still another subtle and mischievous error is the fast-spreading belief that Satan has no existence as a personal being;** that the name is used in Scripture merely to represent men's evil thoughts and desires. {GC 524.3}

15. What is another snare of Satan? \_\_\_\_\_

**The teaching so widely echoed from popular pulpits, that the second advent of Christ is His coming to each individual at death, is a device to divert the minds of men from His personal coming in the clouds of heaven.** For years Satan has thus been saying, "Behold, He is in the secret chambers" (Matthew 24:23-26); and many souls have been lost by accepting this deception. {GC 525.1}

16. How many times did Balak summon Balaam to curse Israel? Numbers 23:7; Numbers 23:13; Numbers 23:27 \_\_\_\_\_

17. What condition were the Israelites found in that rendered Balaam ineffective to curse Israel? Numbers 23:19-23 \_\_\_\_\_

18. Note: Balaam laid snares for Israel. The Israelites knowingly fell into Satan's snares. As a result, the curse was activated upon the Israelites. Read Numbers 25 and the following.

**At Balaam's suggestion, a grand festival in honor of their gods was appointed by the king of Moab, and it was secretly arranged that Balaam should induce the Israelites to attend. He was regarded by them as a prophet of God, and hence had little difficulty in accomplishing his purpose.** Great numbers of the people joined him in witnessing the festivities. They ventured upon the forbidden ground, and were entangled in the snare of Satan. **Beguiled with music and dancing, and allured by the beauty of heathen vestals, they cast off their fealty to Jehovah. As they united in mirth and feasting, indulgence in wine beclouded their senses and broke down the barriers of self-control.** Passion had full sway; and having defiled their consciences by lewdness, **they were persuaded to bow down to idols. They offered sacrifice upon heathen altars and participated in the most degrading rites.** {PP 454.3}

But amid these attractive surroundings they were to encounter an evil more deadly than mighty hosts of armed men or the wild beasts of the wilderness. That country, so rich in natural advantages, had been defiled by the inhabitants. **In the public worship of Baal, the leading deity, the most degrading and iniquitous scenes were constantly enacted. On every side were places noted for idolatry and licentiousness, the very names being suggestive of the vileness and corruption of the people.** {PP 453.3}

**Satan seduced Israel into licentiousness before leading them to idolatry. Those who will dishonor God's image and defile His temple in their own persons will not scruple at any dishonor to God that will gratify the desire of their depraved hearts. Sensual indulgence weakens the mind and debases the soul...The soul becomes a blackened and desolate waste, the habitation of the evil spirits, and the "cage of every unclean and hateful bird."** Beings formed in the image of God are dragged down to a level with the brutes. {PP 458.1}

**Many of the amusements popular in the world today, even with those who claim to be Christians, tend to the same end as did those of the heathen.** There are indeed few among them that Satan does not turn to account in destroying souls. **Through the drama he has worked for ages to excite passion and glorify vice. The opera, with its fascinating display and bewildering music, the masquerade, the dance, the card table,** Satan employs to break down the barriers of principle and open the door to sensual indulgence. **In every gathering for pleasure where pride is fostered or appetite indulged, where one is led to forget God and lose sight of eternal interests, there Satan is binding his chains about the soul.** {PP 459.3}

**As we approach the close of time, as the people of God stand upon the borders of the heavenly Canaan, Satan will, as of old, redouble his efforts to prevent them from entering the goodly land. He lays his snares for every soul.** {PP 457.3}

19. Read Psalm 106:28,35-40 and write your thoughts \_\_\_\_\_

20. Read the following and write your thoughts: Ephesians 6:10-18 \_\_\_\_\_

21. What is one of Satan's snare in these last days? Proverbs 7:9,10,13,18,19,22,23-27 \_\_\_\_\_

22. Read also Revelation 17:5,6 and Revelation 18:2-4.

23. Note: The Harlot and the man made a vow between themselves. See Proverbs 7:14. The man would represent the civil leaders of nations, since the harlot commits fornication with the kings of the earth. Revelation 18:2,3. There has to be an application of this in the United States of America.

24. In discussions with my Catholic Advisory Group... should I be elected president, I look forward to working with these two respected leaders of the Catholic Church in America, their brother bishops, and Congress, on issues of critical importance to the Catholic Church and Catholics...I have a message for Catholics: I will be there for you. I will stand with you. I will fight for you...On issues and policies of greatest concern to Catholics...I will stand with Catholics and fight for you. <https://www.charismanews.com/politics/elections/60437-read-the-letter-donald-trump-wrote-to-catholic-leaders>

25. Trump Promises Evangelical Pastors, 'We're Going to Get Your Voice Back'. <https://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/susan-jones/trump-promises-evangelical-pastors-were-going-get-your-voice-back>

26. Donald Trump: 'I Want to Give Power Back to the Church'. <https://www.charismanews.com/politics/issues/55258-donald-trump-i-want-to-give-power-back-to-the-church>

27. Note: One of Donald Trump's campaign promises was to move the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Trump's Big Gamble on Moving U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem <http://www.wsj.com/video/trump-big-gamble-on-moving-us-embassy-to-jerusalem/0E24EFA-13D5-416C-AEEF-73070B044736.html>

28. **The decision reflects the influence of powerful allies in Trump's inner circle, including Vice President Mike Pence and Republican mega-donor Sheldon Adelson, men determined to coach Trump on the issue and its importance to conservative Jews and evangelical Christians.** "Today we finally acknowledge the obvious: that Jerusalem is Israel's capital," Trump said from the White House. Aides said the issue never fell off the president's radar. Steve Bannon, his former chief strategist, repeatedly counseled the president to take the step as a means of holding to his campaign promise and energizing evangelical voters. <https://www.onenewsnow.com/ap/politics/on-jerusalem-trumps-view-molded-by-powerful-allies>

29. Former presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush had made the same promises during their campaigns, but once in office, they did not carry through with the move, citing its potential negative impact on Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. <https://cnstopstories.com/2017/12/06/pope-concerned-by-u-s-move-to-recognize-jerusalem-as-israels-capital/>

30. Note: The Lord may be telling us the President Trump will fulfill most, if not all, of his campaign promises.

Who is Donald Trump appeasing with this latest action? Answer: The voting bloc that voted him in as president, namely the Jesuits, the Jews, and the Evangelicals.

31. On Jerusalem, Trump's view molded by powerful allies... **The decision reflects the influence of powerful allies in Trump's inner circle, including Vice President Mike Pence and Republican mega-donor Sheldon Adelson, men determined to coach Trump on the issue and its importance to conservative Jews and evangelical Christians.** "Today we finally acknowledge the obvious: that Jerusalem is Israel's capital," Trump said from the White House. Aides said the issue never fell off the president's radar. Steve Bannon, his former chief strategist, repeatedly counseled the president to take the step as a means of holding to his campaign promise and energizing evangelical voters. <https://www.onenewsnow.com/ap/politics/on-jerusalem-trumps-view-molded-by-powerful-allies>

32. Note: Another campaign promise from Donald Trump was to repeal the Johnston Amendment so that the churches may dictate to civil leaders.

"President Donald Trump will appoint justices to the Supreme Court who will uphold our Constitution and the rights of the unborn," said Pence. "Donald Trump will also, sign into law legislation that will free up the voices of faith all across this country by repealing what's come to be known as the Johnson Amendment." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6zz8bauBh8>

33. Note: President Trump fulfilled that promise. President Trump repealed the Johnson Amendment. The language for this repeal was placed in his Tax Reform Bill.

What's Included in the GOP Tax Bill May Surprise You... In a nod to the religious right, the tax package repeals the Johnson Amendment that prohibits all 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations – including tax-exempt churches, trusts and charities – from endorsing or opposing political candidates. Many Republicans, including President Donald Trump, have sought to repeal the amendment, calling it an imposition against these organizations' freedom of speech. Critics of the move argue that repealing the Johnson Amendment would blur the lines between charity and politics, enabling organizations to make political campaign contributions that are tax-deductible. Since his 2016 presidential election, Trump promised his base that he would eliminate the amendment and, on May 4, he signed an executive order "to defend the freedom of religion and speech" – seen as a step toward loosening the restrictions the Johnson Amendment establishes. <https://www.usnews.com/news/economy/articles/2017-11-30/these-clauses-in-the-gop-tax-bill-may-surprise-you>

34. Note: One of the significance of Donald Trump removing the US Embassy from Tel Aviv To Jerusalem and officially acknowledging Jerusalem as the capital of Israel is so that the Sanhedrin may rebuild their Temple and the Temple services.

Sanhedrin Calls For Trump to Fulfill King Solomon's Mandate by Praying on Temple Mount... **We, the judges of the Sanhedrin, the high court according to the Torah of Israel, are pleased that you are visiting Jerusalem, the eternal capital of the Nation of Israel in which the creator of the world chose as the site of the Holy Temple.** We hope that you will decide to go up to the Temple Mount, Mount Moriah, to the proper areas... If that is indeed your intention, **there is but one way to do this: to declare the raising up of the Temple as a universal human goal within the sanctified Biblically defined boundaries.** The attempts to find a common language with the enemy pertaining the dividing of Jerusalem and the Land of Israel are futile and will not bring any blessing." **The Sanhedrin recently ruled on the precise boundaries of Jerusalem for the purposes of reinstating the Temple service.** This ruling involved mapping specific Biblical references as they apply today. **These maps were included in the letter sent to President Trump.** President Trump garnered support from **Evangelical Christians and Jews during his campaign** by promising to move the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. <https://www.breakingisraelnews.com/88117/sanhedrin-calls-trump-fulfill-king-solomons-mandate-praying-temple-mount/>

35. Consider the following, as compare one line of events with another line of events. See Isaiah 28:9,10.

David declared Jerusalem as the capital of Israel; Solomon built the Sanctuary; Babylon destroyed the Temple; Jesus Christ came to the rebuilt temple; Jerusalem destroyed in A.D. 70.

Donald Trump declared Jerusalem the capital of Israel; Sanhedrin desires to rebuild Temple; Mystery Babylon will be revealed in the Sunday Law; The Antichrist will appear; The destruction of the world will follow.

36. Note: The Sanhedrin desires to rebuild Jerusalem because they expect "the Messiah" to come; they rejected Jesus at His first advent.

37. Note: The Sanhedrin are expecting the fulfillment of Zechariah 14:4,5. However that scripture will be fulfilled after the second advent and the millennium.

38. Note: Read The Great Controversy, page 624 and discover that Satan will personate Jesus Christ.

39. Note: Pope Francis stated that Donald Trump declaring Jerusalem as the capital of Israel is a sign of the last days. The Pope is acting as if he is against this move; however, behind the scenes he welcomes it, because it will prepare the way for the Sunday Law and Satan's personation of Jesus.

Pope Francis: I Cannot Hide 'My Deep Concern' Over Jerusalem... "My thoughts now turn to Jerusalem," the Pope said before the large crowd assembled in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall for his weekly General Audience. **"I cannot remain silent about my deep concern for the situation that has been created in the last days."** <http://www.breitbart.com/jerusalem/2017/12/06/pope-francis-i-cannot-hide-my-deep-concern-over-jerusalem/>

40. Note: The following is another snare of Satan.

Pope says he wants to change the words to the Lord's Prayer because current interpretation suggests God leads us 'into temptation'. The Pontiff said the Roman Catholic Church should adopt a better translation of the phrase 'lead us not into temptation' in the Italian version of the Lord's Prayer. He said the current phrasing, which is the same in English and many other languages, suggests that it is God who has a choice to lead us into temptation or not. Francis said the Catholic Church in France had opted for a different phrasing, which worked around this particular issue. The French translation uses the phrase 'do not let us fall into temptation' as an alternative, which, the Pope said, implies that the fault would be human. The prayer is part of Christian liturgical culture and memorized from childhood by hundreds of millions of people within all branches of the religion - both Catholic and Protestant. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5155405/Pope-wants-better-translation-phrase-temptation-Our-Father-prayer.html>

41. Let us read Matthew 6:13. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

42. Note: The Papacy's desire to change the words of the Lord's Prayer confirms again that she has not changed. Read Daniel 7:25. If she is allowed to change the words of the Lord's Prayer as she did the Lord's Ten Commandments, what other changes will she perform?

Whenever the study of the Scriptures is entered upon without a prayerful, humble, teachable spirit, the plainest and simplest as well as the most difficult passages will be wrested from their true meaning. The papal leaders select such portions of Scripture as best serve their purpose, interpret to suit themselves, and then present these to the people, while they deny them the privilege of studying the Bible and understanding its sacred truths for themselves. The whole Bible should be given to the people just as it reads. It would be better for them not to have Bible instruction at all than to have the teaching of the Scriptures thus grossly misrepresented. {GC 521.2}

43. Note: The words of Matthew 6:13 belong in the Bible, just as it reads. The Bible teaches that the Lord does tempt, test, and prove His people. However, the Lord never tempts or proves His people with evil. That is the difference between the Lord and Satan. Read Genesis 22:1; Exodus 16:4; Exodus 20:20; Deuteronomy 8:2; John 6:6.

44. Note: This is the correct meaning of the following scripture: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:"

We are telling the Lord in prayer that we desire not to be tempted, not to be tried, not to be proved, not to go through the furnace of affliction. However, we realize that we have to be tempted, we have to go through crises, because they build character. Therefore, we say to God in prayer, since we have to be tempted and tried, deliver us from evil because we know that You have the power. This prayer of Matthew 6:13 is very similar to Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane. "Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. Luke 22:42,43. Jesus did not desire to go through that crisis. However, He realized that it was essential for the plan of salvation. Therefore Jesus said, "Not my will but thine be done." The encouragement for us is found in 1 Corinthians 10:13; James 1:2,3,12.

45. **Satan is well aware that the weakest soul who abides in Christ is more than a match for the hosts of darkness, and that, should he reveal himself openly, he would be met and resisted.** Therefore he seeks to draw away the soldiers of the cross from their strong fortification, while he lies in ambush with his forces, ready to destroy all who venture upon his ground. Only in humble reliance upon God, and obedience to all His commandments, can we be secure. **No man is safe for a day or an hour without prayer.** Especially should we entreat the Lord for wisdom to understand His word. **Here are revealed the wiles of the tempter and the means by which he may be successfully resisted...** While we must constantly guard against the devices of Satan, we should pray in faith continually: **"Lead us not into temptation."** {GC 530.1} {GC 530.2}