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The Great Controversy, pt. 37: The Scriptures A Safeguard—Churches Unite on Baptism, Eucharist & Ministry. Toyota Commercial, Super Bowl & Pope's Ecumenical Message. Beltane, MayPole Dance & Kundalini Energy

1. What is the title of chapter 37 of *The Great Controversy*? _____
2. When did Jesus specifically use scripture as a safeguard? He used it against who and what? Matthew 4:1-11 _____
3. Against who should we use the scriptures as a safeguard? Ephesians 6:10-18 _____
4. What are the benefits of searching the scriptures? Isaiah 59:19; Matthew 10:19,20; Luke 21:14,15 _____

Temptations often appear irresistible because, through neglect of prayer and the study of the Bible, the tempted one cannot readily remember God's promises and meet Satan with the Scripture weapons. But angels are round about those who are willing to be taught in divine things; **and in the time of great necessity they will bring to their remembrance the very truths which are needed.** Thus "when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Isaiah 59:19. {GC 599.3}

5. Who did Jesus warn us against, as a result, we will need the scriptures as our safeguard? Matthew 24:3-5,24 _____
"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20. **The people of God are directed to the Scriptures as their safeguard against the influence of false teachers and the delusive power of spirits of darkness.** Satan employs every possible device to prevent men from obtaining a knowledge of the Bible; for its plain utterances reveal his deceptions. At every revival of God's work the prince of evil is aroused to more intense activity; he is now putting forth his utmost efforts for a final struggle against Christ and His followers. **The last great delusion is soon to open before us. Antichrist is to perform his marvelous works in our sight. So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every statement and every miracle must be tested.** {GC 593.1}
6. Who led the Jewish nation to reject Jesus? John 7:41,46-48 _____

These opponents of Jesus were men whom the people had been taught from infancy to reverence, to whose authority they had been accustomed implicitly to bow. "How is it," they asked, "that our rulers and learned scribes do not believe on Jesus? Would not these pious men receive Him if He were the Christ?" **It was the influence of such teachers that led the Jewish nation to reject their Redeemer.** {GC 595.3}

7. What is Satan constantly endeavoring to do and lead people to do? John 12:42,43; Matthew 27:20 _____
Satan is constantly endeavoring to attract attention to man in the place of God. He leads the people to look to bishops, to pastors, to professors of theology, as their guides, instead of searching the Scriptures to learn their duty for themselves. Then, by controlling the minds of these leaders, he can influence the multitudes according to his will. {GC 595.2}

Satan's chief work is at the headquarters of our faith. He spares no pains to corrupt men in responsible positions and to persuade them to be unfaithful to their several trusts. {4T 210.5}

8. What word did the Lord leave on record for us in these last days? Matthew 15:13,14 _____
Christ foresaw that the undue assumption of authority indulged by the scribes and Pharisees would not cease with the dispersion of the Jews. He had a prophetic view of the work of exalting human authority to rule the conscience, which has been so terrible a curse to the church in all ages. **And His fearful denunciations of the scribes and Pharisees, and His warnings to the people not to follow these blind leaders, were placed on record as an admonition to future generations.** {GC 596.2}
9. What should be our guide in faith and practice? What should not be regarded as evidence for or against any point of religious faith? _____
10. What kind of people will the Lord have upon the earth in these last days? Isaiah 8:20 _____

But God will have a people upon the earth to maintain the Bible, and the Bible only, as the standard of all doctrines and the basis of all reforms. **The opinions of learned men, the deductions of science, the creeds or decisions of ecclesiastical councils, as numerous and discordant as are the churches which they represent, the voice of the majority--not one nor all of these should be regarded as evidence for or against any point of religious faith.** Before accepting any doctrine or precept, we should **demand a plain "Thus saith the Lord" in its support.** {GC 595.1}

11. What are many people taught in even Protestant churches? How do they react? _____
The Roman Church reserves to the clergy the right to interpret the Scriptures. On the ground that ecclesiastics alone are competent to explain God's word, it is withheld from the common people. Though the Reformation gave the Scriptures to all, **yet the selfsame principle which was maintained by Rome prevents multitudes in Protestant churches from searching the Bible for themselves.** They are taught to accept its teachings as interpreted by the church; **and there are thousands who dare receive nothing, however plainly revealed in Scripture, that is contrary to their creed or the established teaching of their church.** {GC 596.3}

12. What are the silken cords of affection that Satan uses to deceive and destroy souls, besides the apostate preachers? Matthew 12:46-50; Matthew 10:36-38 _____

Many are the ways by which Satan works through human influence to bind his captives. He secures multitudes to himself by attaching them by the silken cords of affection to those who are enemies of the cross of Christ. Whatever this attachment may be, **parental, filial, conjugal, or social, the effect is the same;** the opposers of truth exert their power to control the conscience, and the souls held under their sway have not sufficient courage or independence to obey their own convictions of duty. {GC 597.1}

13. What did the Bereans do after Paul preached unto them? Acts 17:10-12 _____

14. What specific portions of the scriptures should we search out? 2 Peter 1:12,19-21; Revelation 14:6-12 _____

Every follower of Christ should earnestly inquire: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" We need to humble ourselves before the Lord, with fasting and prayer, and to meditate much upon His word, especially upon the scenes of the judgment. We should now seek a deep and living experience in the things of God. We have not a moment to lose. Events of vital importance are taking place around us; we are on Satan's enchanted ground. Sleep not, sentinels of God; the foe is lurking near, ready at any moment, should you become lax and drowsy, to spring upon you and make you his prey. {GC 601.1}

When God sends to men warnings so important that they are represented as proclaimed by holy angels flying in the midst of heaven, He requires every person endowed with reasoning powers to heed the message. **The fearful judgments denounced against the worship of the beast and his image (Revelation 14:9-11), should lead all to a diligent study of the prophecies to learn what the mark of the beast is, and how they are to avoid receiving it.** But the masses of the people turn away their ears from hearing the truth and are turned unto fables. The apostle Paul declared, looking down to the last days: "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." 2 Timothy 4:3. **That time has fully come. The multitudes do not want Bible truth, because it interferes with the desires of the sinful, world-loving heart; and Satan supplies the deceptions which they love.** {GC 594.2}

15. What will come to every soul in these last days, in the context of the judgment-hour message? Acts 5:29; Revelation 13:15-17; Revelation 12:17; Revelation 14:9,10 _____

Those who endeavor to obey all the commandments of God will be opposed and derided. They can stand only in God. In order to endure the trial before them, they must understand the will of God as revealed in His word; they can honor Him only as they have a right conception of His character, government, and purposes, and act in accordance with them. None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict. **To every soul will come the searching test: Shall I obey God rather than men? The decisive hour is even now at hand.** Are our feet planted on the rock of God's immutable word? Are we prepared to stand firm in defense of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus? {GC 593.2}

16. What do and what will Satan's agents point to in order to destroy the influence of God's people who uphold the Scriptures? Acts 4:13 _____

The spirit which actuated those priests and rulers is still manifested by many who make a high profession of piety. **They refuse to examine the testimony of the Scriptures concerning the special truths for this time. They point to their own numbers, wealth, and popularity, and look with contempt upon the advocates of truth as few, poor, and unpopular,** having a faith that separates them from the world. {GC 596.1}

17. What are we ignorant of, if we do not know the scriptures? Matthew 22:29; Romans 1:16,17 _____

18. What must Jesus do so that we might comprehend the scriptures? Luke 24:45; John 16:13 _____

19. What method of Bible study did Jesus use to open up the understanding of the disciples? Luke 24:27,44,45; 1 Corinthians 2:13,14 _____

It is the first and highest duty of every rational being to learn from the Scriptures what is truth, and then to walk in the light and encourage others to follow his example. We should day by day study the Bible diligently, weighing every thought and comparing scripture with scripture. With divine help we are to form our opinions for ourselves as we are to answer for ourselves before God. {GC 598.2}

20. What was the experience of the disciples? Luke 24:32; Jeremiah 23:29 _____

21. How should we approach the scriptures? Psalm 119:18; John 7:17 _____

One reason why many theologians have no clearer understanding of God's word is, they close their eyes to truths which they do not wish to practice. As understanding of Bible truth depends not so much on the power of intellect brought to the search as on the singleness of purpose, the earnest longing after righteousness. {GC 599.2}

22. What must be connected to the searching of the scriptures? John 5:39,40 _____

23. What can children, youth, and adults find in the scriptures? 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Romans 15:4 _____

Before His crucifixion the Saviour explained to His disciples that He was to be put to death and to rise again from the tomb, and angels were present to impress His words on minds and hearts. **But the disciples were looking for temporal deliverance from the Roman yoke, and they could not tolerate the thought that He in whom all their hopes centered should suffer an ignominious death.** The words which they needed to remember were banished from their minds; and when the time of trial came, it found them unprepared... **So in the prophecies the future is opened before us as plainly as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ.** The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. **But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed.** Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, **and the time of trouble will find them unready.** {GC 594.1}

24. The servants of Christ are to prepare no set speech to present when brought to trial for their faith. Their preparation is to be made day by day, in treasuring up in their hearts the precious truths of God's Word, in feeding upon the teaching of Christ, and through prayer strengthening their faith; then, when brought into trial, the Holy Spirit will bring to their remembrance the very truths that will reach the hearts of those who shall come to hear. God will flash the knowledge obtained by diligent searching of the Scriptures, into their memory at the very time when it is needed. {Mar 255.2}

25. Kindly view the latter part of the sermon video for the current events. Thanks. Minute marker: 1:18:00 to 1:54:01. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EKK1j_i_Viw