

21. Should a Christian be worried about having the vital necessities of life?
Luke 12:22-30

NOTE: What fantastic promises! God says that He'll take care of our needs; we need not be concerned about them. Let's make sure we trust God completely.

22. What should the Christian seek first? Matthew 6:33

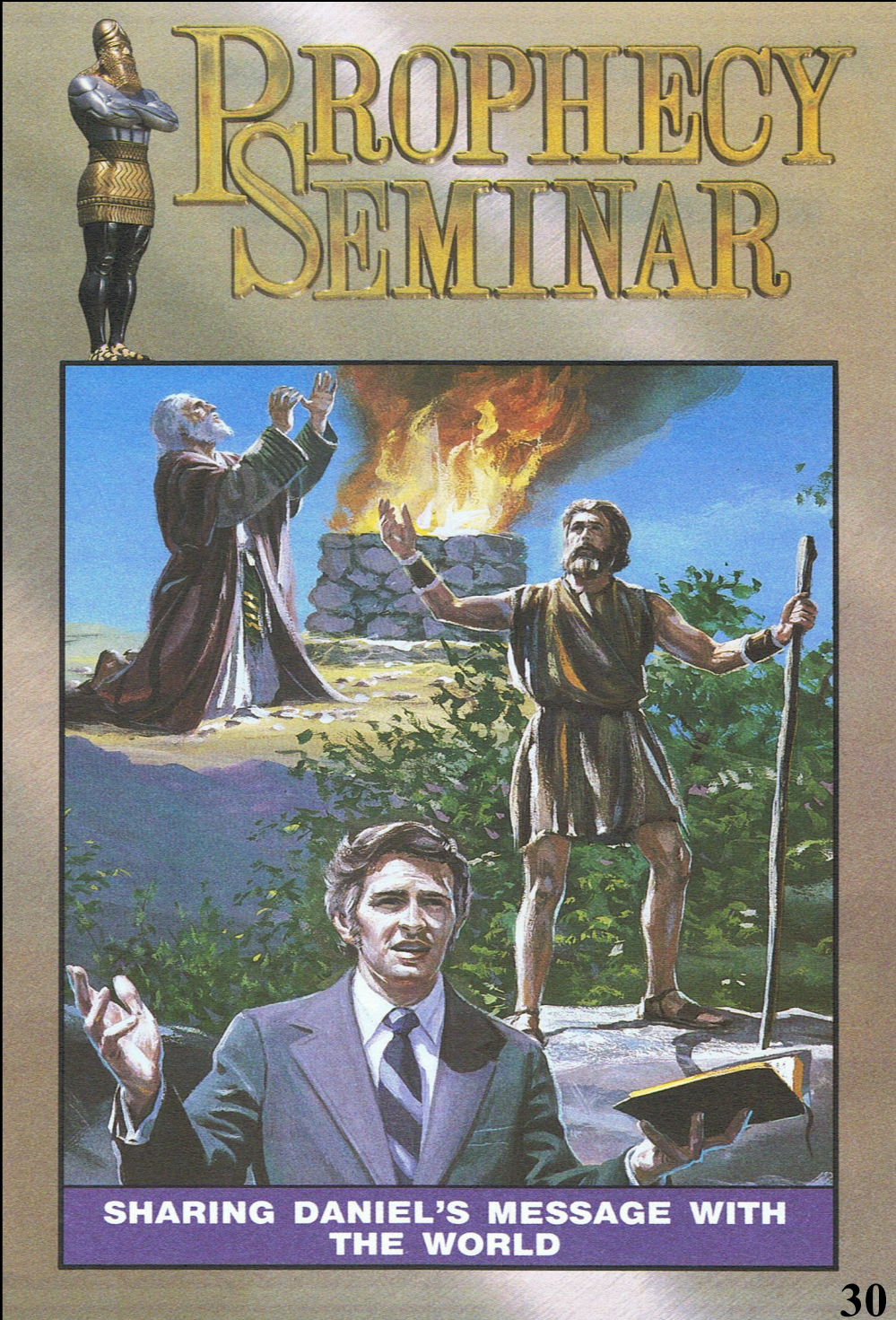
"But seek first the kingdom of _____ and His righteousness, and all these _____ shall be _____ to you."

NOTE: If Christ is first and foremost in our lives, if God's cause and the proclamation of His message is our first priority, God promises that our needs will be cared for. What a fantastic encouragement to put God first in our lives!

23. Is it your desire to be a part of God's remnant people, and to support the worldwide proclamation of the everlasting gospel?

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The poster for the 'Prophecy Seminar' features a large, golden, 3D title at the top. To the left of the title is a statue of a bearded man in a gold and black robe. Below the title is a painting depicting a scene with a man in a brown robe kneeling and praying, a man in a green tunic standing and holding a staff, and a man in a suit in the foreground holding a book. The background of the painting shows a stone wall with a fire burning on top. At the bottom of the poster, a purple banner contains the text 'SHARING DANIEL'S MESSAGE WITH THE WORLD' in white capital letters.

PROPHECY SEMINAR

SHARING DANIEL'S MESSAGE WITH THE WORLD

The tremendous message found in the book of Daniel needs to be given to the entire world. God has not given the message to us in order for us to keep it to ourselves! We must share it with our neighbours and friends. Hopefully, you will be able to invite some of them to the next Prophecy or Revelation Seminar. Perhaps you will even consider hosting a seminar in your home, to which you could invite your friends. Each of us must do everything in our power to share this message of the book of Daniel, for it is the message that helps prepare the way for the coming of the King!

THE NEED FOR WITNESSING

1. **What was to happen to the book of Daniel until the time of the end? Daniel 12:4**

"Shut up the words, and _____ the book."

2. **When the book of Daniel was unsealed, what would be happening in the world? Daniel 12:4**

"Many shall _____ to and fro, and _____ shall _____."

NOTE: The Bible predicts that, in the end time, the book of Daniel would be opened again. People would be investigating the Scriptures as well as running to and fro throughout the earth, and knowledge of scripture and science etc. would be increased. The Bible actually foretells an explosion of knowledge as a sign of the end time. This Prophecy Seminar is part fulfillment of this great prophecy.

3. **What did Jesus say must happen before the end shall come? Matthew 24:14; Revelation 14:6-12**

"This _____... will be preached in _____ the _____."

NOTE: Before Jesus can come, this gospel must go to every person on planet earth. Jesus does not give this commission to only a few people. We must all band together to share the good news that Jesus is coming again.

4. **What were the last words that Jesus spoke as He ascended into heaven? Acts 1:8**

"You shall receive _____ when the _____
_____ has come upon you; and you shall be
_____ to Me."

_____ of the LORD your God."

NOTE: An offering is any amount given in addition to the tithe. The Bible does not specify how much the offering is, but allows each individual to determine the amount in accordance with the blessing of God in his life. Thus, all other work of the Church is supported by freewill offerings.

In order to carry the "Everlasting Gospel" into all the world, the Church needs financial support. The tithe supports the gospel ministry of the Church. Offerings support the educational, medical, humanitarian and missionary work of the Church. Each member is encouraged to divide his offerings between the world needs, the local conference needs and the local church needs. Your teacher can explain to you how to use a tithe and offering envelope and the meaning of each of the offerings listed on the envelope.

16. **What does Jesus say about giving? Acts 20:35.**

"It is more blessed to _____ than to receive."

17. **What promise does God give the faithful tithe payer through the prophet Malachi? Malachi 3:10 (931) [927].**

"And _____ Me now in this, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of _____ and pour out for you such _____ that there will not be room enough to receive it."

NOTE: Absolutely fantastic! God actually says to test Him on this point. He will provide a blessing so big that we can't even receive it!

18. **If we give, what will happen to us? Luke 6:38**

"Give, and it will be _____ to you: ... With the same _____ that you use, it will be measured back to you."

NOTE: It is impossible to out-give God.

19. **What kind of a giver does God like? 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7**

"God loves a _____ giver."

20. **Does life really consist of the possession of things? Luke 12:15**

"One's life does not consist in the _____ of the _____ he possesses."

NOTE: Sometimes the richest people in the world are the most unhappy. Life is more than material possessions. Possessing Jesus Christ and having a relationship with Him far outweighs material possessions.

**12. How important is it for Christians to return the tithe to God?
Malachi 3:8, 9**

Failure to return tithe is called _____.

NOTE: God is very clear. To fail to return the tithe and give freewill offerings is to rob God. Tithing is a test of our honesty to God, but offerings are a demonstration of our love. No Christian wants to be found guilty of robbing God.

13. How were the Old Testament priests supported? Numbers 18:21

"I have given the children of Levi _____ the tithes in Israel."

NOTE: The children of Levi, the priests of the Old Testament, received all the tithe. The word tithe means "tenth". Ten percent of all the income of the children of Israel went to the priests for their support. In a Old Testament times, the tithe belonged exclusively to the priests, to those who ministered at the altar.

14. How does the apostle Paul say that the New Testament ministry is to be supported? 1 Corinthians 9:13, 14

"Those who _____ the gospel should _____ from the gospel."

NOTE: Paul indicates that just as the Old Testament priests were supported by the temple, so God has ordained that the New Testament ministry be supported in the same way as the Old Testament ministry. The Old Testament ministry was supported exclusively from the tithe; likewise, the tithe is to be used for the support of the ministry in New Testament times.

When someone returns tithe to a Seventh-day Adventist Church, the local church treasurer remits all the tithe to the local conference. The local conference supports the gospel ministers in the conference. The local church does not pay the pastor. All pastors receive the same basic salary, regardless of the size of the church. In this way, large churches help the small churches, and pastors do not move to large churches to get larger salaries. The local conference, in turn, sends nearly forty percent of its tithe to the union conference and the General Conference in order to help support the ministry of the gospel around the world. Thus, the local individual church member who returns his tithe supports the worldwide ministry of the Church.

**15. How is the rest of the work of the Church to be supported?
Deuteronomy 16:17**

"Every man shall _____ as he is able, according to the

NOTE: Jesus' parting words to His disciples was the great commission to go unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. To accomplish that task, the disciples needed the power of the Holy Spirit. That power has been promised to the church today to enable it to fulfill its commission to carry the message into all the world. We who live in the last days, who seek to carry Daniel's special message of truth into all the world, must be dependent upon the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish that task. It cannot be accomplished by human power. We all need the divine power of the Spirit. God has called each of us to be witnesses for Him through the power of the Holy Spirit. What you have discovered from God's Word in this Prophecy Seminar cannot be kept to yourself. To be faithful to the commission of Jesus, you must share it with others, and Jesus promises that He will give you the Holy Spirit as you witness.

THE NEED FOR BELONGING

God has commissioned every one of us to share His message with the entire world, to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord. But each individual is not to share it in a vacuum. The task is too gigantic to be done independently; that's why we need each other, and that's why we need to belong to God's church.

5. What is the church? Ephesians 1:22, 23

The church is the _____ of Christ.

NOTE: What a tremendous privilege to be a part of the body of Christ. Jesus thinks so much of His church that He calls it the body of Christ.

**6. Where has God placed all the members of His church?
1 Corinthians 12:18**

"In the _____."

NOTE: Some people feel church membership is not important, that it is not vital to belong to the church. The apostle Paul insists that every member of Christ's body is in the body. Each person is a member of the body. God is not leading independent persons; He is leading a movement today. In 1 Corinthians 12, the apostle Paul describes the church as a physical body. Each one has a different function, but each one functions in the body. By everyone working together, the church is able to fulfill the mission of Christ to proclaim His message into all the world. That is the reason for its existence, and that's why every member needs to be a part of Christ's body.

**7. What did people join when they were saved in New Testament times?
Acts 2:47**

"The Lord added to the _____ daily those who were being saved."

NOTE: Those who were saved in New Testament times were not commissioned to work independently. They were added to the church. They became members of the church, and they functioned as part of the church.

8. Why did Paul leave Titus behind at Crete when he continued his missionary journey? Titus 1:5

To "set in _____ the things that are lacking, and _____ elders in every city as I commanded you".

NOTE: Paul left Titus on Crete for the express purpose of organizing the church and appointing church officers. The early church had meeting places, rules, regulations, and a definite organization, with officers presiding over the church.

9. When a dispute arose in the early church, a council was convened at Jerusalem. The church leaders discussed the Issue and then made pronouncement. Was that pronouncement to be accepted by the churches? Acts 15:19-31

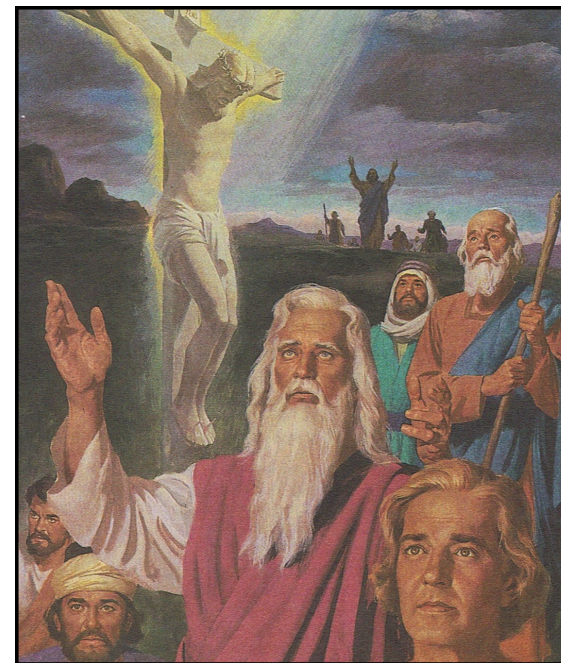
NOTE: There was a dispute in the early church over whether or not circumcision should be practiced. The Jerusalem Council was called to determine whether this should be laid upon the Gentile believers. The decision they reached was that it was not to be imposed on the believers. That message was then conveyed by letter, through the apostles, to the Gentile believers, who accepted the pronouncement given by James at Jerusalem. This decision was regarded as the decision of the Lord, it was accepted as binding upon all believers in the church. This incident very clearly indicates that the early church had a definite organization, and the members of the church respected the decision of the whole body.

10. How is the Seventh-day Adventist Church organized in these last days?

The Seventh-day Adventist Church today follows a pattern of organization similar to the early church. The Church around the world is bound together in one body, just as the early church was. Each local church is part of a local conference in which the churches in one or two states or portions of a state are bound together. Each local conference, in turn, is a part of a union conference. Five or six local conferences usually comprise a union conference. There are several union conferences in a world division and the world is divided into ten divisions of the General Conference. World divisions include North America, Inter-America, South America, South Pacific, etc. The world Church headquarters is located in the Washington, D. C. area. Thus, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is closely bound together throughout the entire world.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a representative form of government

in which delegates are selected from the local church to elect the leadership of the local conference. The local conference selects delegates to a union conference that elects the union leadership. The union conference selects delegates to the General Conference that elects the world leadership. Thus each individual member, through his/her representatives, has a voice in the affairs of the entire Church. Because of the unified system of organization in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Church is united throughout the world, with a global strategy for reaching earth's billions.



THE NEED FOR GIVING

The individual Christian needs not only to witness, but also to be a part of the body of Christ, the Church. As each one witnesses as a part of that body, the Church is able to share the everlasting gospel with the entire world (Revelation 14:6). By collectively binding together, the whole Church is able to accomplish much more than it would if each individual worked on his own. Likewise, by combining our various resources, we can all have a part in financing God's work around the world. Not only is there a need for witness and for belonging, but there is also a need for giving.

11. What is God's plan for the support of His world work? Malachi 3:10

"Bring all the _____ into the storehouse."