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CHAPTER XIX. ASCENSION OF CHRIST. After the meeting of Jesus with the brethren, at Galilee, the disciples returned to Jerusalem; and while the eleven were gathered together in the city Jesus met with them, and again led their minds out into the prophecies concerning himself. He deeply impressed upon their understanding the necessity of thoroughly studying the ancient prophecies regarding Messiah, and of comparing them with the facts of his life, death, and resurrection, in order to establish their fulfillment in himself. They were to diligently trace link after link of sacred truth revealed by the prophets, in types and figures representing the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. He lifted the veil from their understanding, concerning the typical system of the Jews, and they now saw clearly the meaning of the forms and symbols which were virtually abolished by the death of Christ. p. 249, Para. 1, [3SP].

The Saviour of the world, as a divine Conqueror, was about to ascend to his⁸⁷ "To My Father, and Your Father The time had come for Christ to ascend to His Father's throne. He selectedAs a divine conqueror He was about to return with the trophies of victory to the heavenly courts. Before His death He had declared to His Father, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do." John 17:4. After His resurrection He tarried on earth for a season, that His disciples might become familiar with Him in His risen and glorified body. Now He was ready for the leave-taking. He had authenticated the fact that He was a living Saviour. His disciples need no longer associate Him with the tomb. They could think of Him as glorified before the heavenly universe. p. 829, Para. 1, [DA].

As the place of His ascension, Jesus chose the spot so often hallowed by His presence while He dwelt among men. Not Mount Zion, the place of David's city, not Mount Moriah, the temple site, was to be thus honored. There Christ had been mocked and rejected. There the waves of mercy, still returning in a stronger tide of love, had been beaten back by hearts as hard as rock. Thence Jesus, weary and heart-burdened, had gone forth to find rest in the Mount of Olives as the scene of this last display of his glory. Accompanied by the eleven, he made his way to the mountain. The disciples were not aware that this was to be their last season with their Master. He employed the time in sacred converse with them, reiterating his former instructions. The holy Shekinah, in departing from the first temple, had stood upon the eastern mountain, as if loath to forsake the chosen city; so Christ stood upon Olivet, with yearning heart overlooking Jerusalem. The groves and glens of the mountain had been consecrated by His prayers and tears. Its steps had echoed the triumphant shouts of the multitude that proclaimed Him king. On its sloping descent He had

found a home with Lazarus at Bethany. In the garden of Gethsemane at its foot He had prayed and agonized alone. From this mountain He was to ascend to heaven. >Upon its summit His feet will rest when He shall come >>again.<<< Not as a man of sorrows, but >as a glorious and triumphant king >>He will stand upon Olivet.<<< while Hebrew hallelujahs mingle with Gentile hosannas, and the voices of the redeemed as a mighty host shall swell the acclamation, "Crown Him Lord of all! p. 829, Para. 2, [DA].

[Notice the gross error of this above italicized, bolded, underlined text, especially the word "again." If this were a reference to Zachariah 14:4, as claimed by many pastors to calm the sheep, then the word "again" could not be used. It is a lie of Satan, the work of Willie, his team and not Ellen!!! The truth is we are going "to meet the Lord in the air"1
Thessalonians 4:17]

Now with the eleven disciples Jesus made His way toward the mountain. As they passed through the gates of Jerusalem, many wondering eyes looked upon the little company, led by oOne whom a few weeks before the priests and rulers had condemned and crucified. p. 249, Para. 2, [3SP].

They crossed the Kedron, andThe disciples knew not that this was to be their last interview with their Master. Jesus spent the time in conversation with them, repeating His former instruction. As they approached Gethsemane. Here Jesus, He paused, that his disciples they might call to mind the lessons hHe had given them while on his way to the garden on the night of hHis great agony. Again He looked again upon the vine by which hHe had then used as a symbol to represented the union of hHis church with hHimself and hHis Father; and he refreshed the memory of his followers by repeating the impressive truths which he had then illustrated to them. Reminders of theagain He repeated the truths He had then unfolded. All around Him were reminders of His unrequited love of Jesus were all around him; e. Even the disciples walking by his side, who were so dear to hHis heart, had, in the hour of hHis humiliation, when he most needed their sympathy and comfort, reproached and forsaken hHim. p. 250830, Para. 1, [3SP DA].

Christ had sojourned in the world for thirty-three years; hHe had endured its scorn, insult, and mockery; hHe had been rejected and crucified. Now, when about to ascend to hHis throne of glory--as hglory,--as He reviews the ingratitude of the people hHe came to save--will hsave,--will He not withdraw hfrom them His sympathy and love from them? Will not hHis affections be centered onupon that worldrealm where hHe is appreciated, and where sinless angels adore him, and wait to do hHis bidding? No; hHis promise to those loved ones whom hHe leaves on earth is, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Before his conflict, he had prayed the Father that they might not be taken out of the world, but should be kept from the evil which is in the world. p. 250, Para. 2, [3SP].

At length the little company reachMatt. 28:20. p. 830, Para. 2, [DA].

Upon reaching the Mount of Olives. This place had been peculiarly hallowed by the presence of

Jesus while he bore the nature of man. It was consecrated by his prayers and tears. When he had ridden into Jerusalem, just prior to his trial, the steeps of Olivet had echoed the joyous shouts of the triumphant multitude. On its sloping descent was Bethany, where he had often found repose at the house of Lazarus. At the foot of the mount was the garden of Gethsemane, where he had agonized alone, and moistened the sod with his blood. p. 250, Para. 3, [3SP].

, Jesus led the way across the summit, to the vicinity of Bethany. He ~~thre~~ ~~Hen~~ paused, and they all ~~disciples~~ gathered about ~~h~~Him. Beams of light seemed to radiate from ~~h~~His countenance, as ~~h~~He looked ~~with deep love~~ ~~lovingly~~ upon ~~his disciples~~ ~~them~~. He upbraided them not for their faults and failures; but words of ~~unutterable~~ ~~the deepest~~ tenderness were the last ~~which~~ ~~that~~ fell upon their ears from the lips of their Lord. With hands outstretched in blessing ~~them~~, and as if in assurance of ~~h~~His protecting care, ~~h~~He slowly ascended from among them, drawn heavenward by a power stronger than any earthly attraction. As ~~h~~He passed upward, the ~~awe-struck~~ ~~awe-stricken~~ disciples looked with straining eyes for the last glimpse of their ascending Lord. A cloud of glory received him out of their sight, and at the same moment ~~hid Him from their sight; and the words came back to them as the cloudy chariot of angels received Him, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." At the same time~~ there floated down to ~~their charmed senses~~ ~~them~~ the sweetest and most joyous music from the angel choir. p. 251830, Para. 13, [3SP DA].

While ~~their gaze was~~ ~~the disciples were~~ still ~~riveted~~ ~~gazing~~ upward, voices addressed them which sounded like ~~the richest~~ music ~~which had just charmed them~~. They turned, and saw two ~~beings~~ ~~angels~~ in the form of men; yet ~~their heavenly character was immediately discerned by the disciples, whom they addressed in comforting accents, who spoke to them,~~ saying, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into ~~H~~heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen ~~h~~Him go into ~~H~~heaven." p. 831, Para. 1, [DA].

These angels were of the company that had been waiting in a shining cloud to escort Jesus to ~~his throne; and~~ ~~His heavenly home~~. ~~The most exalted of the angel throng, they were the two who had come to the tomb at Christ's resurrection, and they had been with Him throughout His life on earth. With eager desire all heaven had waited for the end of His tarrying in a world marred by the curse of sin. The time had now come for the heavenly universe to receive their King. Did not the two angels long to join the throng that welcomed Jesus? But in sympathy and love for those whom ~~th~~He Saviour had left, they came to remove all uncertainty from their minds, and to give them the assurance that he would come to earth again.~~ p. 251, Para. 2, [3SP].

~~All Heaven~~waited to give them comfort. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" Heb. 1:14. p. 832, Para. 1, [DA].

Christ had ascended to heaven in the form of humanity. The disciples had beheld the cloud receive Him. The same Jesus who had walked and talked and prayed with them; who had broken bread with them; who had been with them in their boats on the lake; and who had that very day toiled with them up the ascent of Olivet,--the same Jesus had now gone to share His Father's throne. And the angels had assured them that the very One whom they had seen go up into heaven, would come again even as He had ascended. He will come "with clouds; and every eye

shall see Him." "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise." "The Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory." Rev. 1:7; 1 Thess. 4:16; Matt. 25:31. Thus will be fulfilled the Lord's own promise to His disciples: "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:3. Well might the disciples rejoice in the hope of their Lord's return. p. 832, Para. 2, [DA].

When the disciples went back to Jerusalem, the people looked upon them with amazement. After the trial and crucifixion of Christ, it had been thought that they would appear downcast and ashamed. Their enemies expected to see upon their faces an expression of sorrow and defeat. Instead of this there was only gladness and triumph. Their faces were aglow with a happiness not born of earth. They did not mourn over disappointed hopes, but were full of praise and thanksgiving to God. With rejoicing they told the wonderful story of Christ's resurrection and His ascension to heaven, and their testimony was received by many. p. 832, Para. 3, [DA].

The disciples no longer had any distrust of the future. They knew that Jesus was in heaven, and that His sympathies were with them still. They knew that they had a friend at the throne of God, and they were eager to present their requests to the Father in the name of Jesus. In solemn awe they bowed in prayer, repeating the assurance, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:23, 24. They extended the hand of faith higher and higher, with the mighty argument, "It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Rom. 8:34. And Pentecost brought them fullness of joy in the presence of the Comforter, even as Christ had promised. p. 833, Para. 1, [DA].

All heaven was waiting to welcome the Saviour to the celestial courts. As hHe ascended h, He led the way, and the multitude of captives whom he had raised from the dead at the time when he came forth from the tomb, followed himset free at His resurrection followed. The heavenly host, with songsshouts and acclamations of joy and triumph, escorted him upward. At the portals ofpraise and celestial song, attended the joyous train. p. 833, Para. 2, [DA].

As they drew near to the city of God an innumerable company of angels awaited his coming. As they approached the gates of the city, the angels who were escorting the Majesty of Heaven, in triumphant tones addressed the company at the portals:, the challenge is given by the escorting angels,-- "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, a; And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, a; And the King of Gglory shall come in!" p. 252833, Para. 13, [3SP DA].

TJoyfully the waiting angels at the gates of the city inquire in rapturous strainsentinals respond,-- "Who is this King of Glory?" The escorting angels joyously reply in songs of triumph, "The Lord,glory?" p. 833, Para. 4, [DA].

This they say, not because they know not who He is, but because they would hear the answer of exalted praise,-- "The Lord strong and mighty!, The Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O

ye gates, e; Even lift them up, ye everlasting doors, a; And the King of Gglory shall come in!." p. 833, Para. 5, [DA].

Again is heard the waiting angels ask challenge, "Who is this King of Gglory?" and tfor the angels never weary of hearing His name exalted. The escorting angels respond in melodious strains make reply,-- "The Lord of hosts!; He is the King of Gglory!" Ps. 24:7-10. p. 833, Para. 6, [DA].

Then the portals of the city of God are widely opened wide, and the heavenly train pass in angelic throng sweep through the gates amid a burst of angelic music. All the heavenly host surround their majestic Commander as he takes his position upon the throne of the Father. p. 252, Para. 2, [3SP].

With the deepest adoration and joy, the hosts of angels bow before him rapturous music. p. 833, Para. 7, [DA].

There is the throne, and around it the rainbow of promise. There are cherubim and seraphim. The commanders of the angel hosts, the sons of God, the representatives of the unfallen worlds, are assembled. The heavenly council before which Lucifer had accused God and His Son, the representatives of those sinless realms over which Satan had thought to establish his dominion,-- all are there to welcome the Redeemer. They are eager to celebrate His triumph and to glorify their King. p. 834, Para. 1, [DA].

But He waves them back. Not yet; He cannot now receive the coronet of glory and the royal robe. He enters into the presence of His Father. He points to His wounded head, the pierced side, the marred feet; He lifts His hands, bearing the print of nails. He points to the tokens of His triumph; He presents to God the wave sheaf, those raised with Him as representatives of that great multitude who shall come forth from the grave at His second coming. He approaches the Father, with whom there is joy over one sinner that repents; who rejoices over one with singing. Before the foundations of the earth were laid, the Father and the Son had united in a covenant to redeem man if he should be overcome by Satan. They had clasped Their hands in a solemn pledge that Christ should become the surety for the human race. This pledge Christ has fulfilled. When upon the cross He cried out, "It is finished," He addressed the Father. The compact had been fully carried out. Now He declares: Father, it is finished. I have done Thy will, O My God. I have completed the work of redemption. If Thy justice is satisfied, "I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am." John 19:30; 17:24. p. 834, Para. 2, [DA].

The voice of God is heard proclaiming that justice is satisfied. Satan is vanquished. Christ's toiling, struggling ones on earth are "accepted in the Beloved." Eph. 1:6. Before the heavenly angels and the representatives of unfallen worlds, they are declared justified. Where He is, there His church shall be. "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other." Ps. 85:10. The Father's arms encircle His Son, and the word is given, "Let all the angels of God worship Him." Heb. 1:6. p. 834, Para. 3, [DA].

With joy unutterable, rulers and principalities and powers acknowledge the supremacy of the

Prince of life. The angel host prostrate themselves before Him, while the glad shout rings throughfills all the courts of Hheaven:, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing!." Rev. 5:12. p. 834, Para. 4, [DA].

Songs of triumph mingle with the music from angelic harps, till Hheaven seems to overflow with delightful harmony, and inconceivable joy and praise. The Son of God has triumphed over the prince of darkness, and conquered death and the graveLove has conquered. The lost is found. Heaven rings with voices in lofty strains proclaiming:, "Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever!" p. 253, Para. 1, [3SP].

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." Rev. 5:13. p. 835, Para. 1, [DA].

From that scene of heavenly joy, there comes back to us on earth the echo of Christ's own wonderful words, "I ascend unto My Father, and your Father; and to My God, and your God." John 20:17. The family of heaven and the family of earth are one. For us our Lord ascended, and for us He lives. "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25. p. 835, Para. 2, [DA].

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Now check out this.

The following is an excerpt from "Exhibit 90: Friday, July 24, 1936, H. Camden Lacey to an Adventist Minister in New York" as cited in "HOW THE DESIRE OF AGES WAS WRITTEN, by Robert W. Olson An Introductory Statement to the Document, "Exhibits Relating to the Writing of The Desire of Ages"" and can still be found at this link—  
<http://www.whiteestate.org/issues/DA-HOW/DA-How.html#The%20Desire%20of%20Ages%20an%20Inspired%20Book>  
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Miss Marian Davis, **who was entrusted with the preparation of Desire of Ages, [is anyone listening here?] frequently came to me in 1895 and 1896 asking help in the arrangement of the material** which she gathered from Sister White's various manuscripts. Sister Davis was a warm personal friend of mine, and I did the best I knew how to aid her, especially in the first chapter. As I recall it, this help was only in the arrangement of the sentences and paragraphs, or the choice of a more suitable word. Never at any time, was there any alteration of the thought, or the insertion of an idea that was not already expressed in the original text. **The resultant "copy" was always submitted to Sister White herself for final approval. [what proof do we have? only their word! their claim! and just who was it that gave a gold medallion to the man of**

sin the Pope?]

The entire Desire of Ages as it is now printed is, therefore, I hold, the product of Sister White's mind and heart, guided by the good Spirit of God. And the "editing" was merely technical.

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This must mean that H. Camden Lacey, when he sings “Lift up the trumpet and loud let it ring, Jesus is coming again,” is preparing to meet Christ at the third coming. It’s either that or God changed his mind! Which would you like?