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SOME WORDS FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

1969 has come and gone, and 1970 is now here. Is our record clear for 1969, or do we feel a bit guilty? Let us sum it up and decide whether we have progressed or have been guilty of retardation during the year.

We closed the year with our finances greatly depleted owing to a heavy drain on them during the summer months. After this situation was eliminated they soon began to grow and by midyear (1969) they were again in good condition.

Early in the year (1969) the Council decided that most all avenues were closed for any real progress in Southern California. We saw no way to improve the situation for all doors were closed against the message. Many Davidians have gone back to the church; some have completely apostatized; the church had pronounced the Rod as false, and as a dead movement, and most all Laodiceans were willing to believe it. This made it almost impossible to break through the barriers. Therefore we began to look for a new location.

First we searched through Southeastern California for a suitable location but we found nothing we could handle.

As the old Rest Home in South Carolina was still standing, and on an invitation by the brethren there, we decided to make it a branch

office for our printing establishment. Having heard that everything was cheaper there, and that we could print for much less money, we decided to investigate the situation.

Brother Sidney Smith was sent to spy out the land. He brought back a favorable report that all was well and that we could lease the property for an indefinite period.

Owing to our crowded condition here in Vista (we had now closed the printing office and had stored all the equipment in garages), we had Brother Smith take the printing press and most of the other equipment to Salem and to the Rest Home. Before moving the press we decided to pay off all indebtedness on the same. A total amount of several thousand dollars. We have numerous other machines costing many hundreds of dollars, besides this we spent much money for paper to do the printing. This is where much of your money has gone.

While the Press was here in Southern California we printed among other things several thousand copies of The Mid-East Crisis; several hundred of the Rachel Typology and likewise several hundred of the Entering Wedge, besides a goodly number of Timely Greetings. All this was sent to the church.

During 1969 we were prospered by the Lord beyond our expectations. HE furnished us with funds well above our expenses, and we believe this was clear cut evidence of HIS favour, and that in time HE will use this Association

as HIS Goodly Horse in the Battle. (Zach. 10:3.) Not because we have done any good thing, but because we have not done any bad thing; that is that we stayed with what is written, not adding to, or by subtracting from the works of Inspiration. (2 T.G. No. 46, pp. 43, 44.) We are most unworthy of His least consideration, but we are persuaded that if the Lord considers any of these Associations, He is not against us.

Recently we received a check from a most worthy brother for nearly \$350.00. This brother has been surprising us from year to year, for we never knew when he would send it, or whether he had stopped altogether. When it comes it is almost a Godsend for it is always needed, sooner or later.

We have decided it would not be wise to move everything to Salem at this time, not perhaps during 1970. For the very good reason that we are registered with the State of California as a non-profit Institution; we have a discount mailing permit in Vista (paid to December 31, 1970); we have interested prospects here in Southern California also in the north. Recently we had an urgent call for literature from the neighborhood of Riverside.

We are known in Washington, D. C., as the one who is carrying on the work of what the Review and Herald calls a defunct organization. When we are better known, when the Lord demonstrates that we stand in His favor then we can move anywhere without losing our identity.

There is another matter which bothers the Office a great deal — it is the matter of The Certificate of Fellowship. Almost no one ever asks for it on time; in advance of receiving the application blanks. And then many will not take the trouble to sign them and send them to the Office. Some will never sign them or mail them. Many Davidians are weeks or months overdue when they receive their Certificates. We believe a real live Davidian would make it his first duty at the beginning of the year. What does the Rod say concerning it? "But to be an accredited member, privileged to enjoy to the fullest all the benefits which the Association affords, he must hold the Certificate." and, "All officers serving the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association, . . . should hold the Certificate of Fellowship." Answer Book No. 5, p 84.

Do we want anything less than all the Rod's benefits? If all would strive to meet the conditions there would be plenty in the treasury.

All the Rod's benefits are not literal; many of them are spiritual, even the most important ones. Can we make the Kingdom without the Certificate? We believe not for the prophet says we must have it.

Some excuse themselves from paying a full second tithe on the grounds that they cannot afford it. This puts the Lord in bad for He says; "all His biddings are enablings." (C.O.L. p. 335, 1923 edition.)

Some Davidians have paid a full first and

second tithe even before the Rod came, and they found it quite possible to do so at all times. Oh ye of little faith! Do we actually believe the Rod, or do we just think we do?

Those who have maintained their courage and lived up to all these principles have made progress during the past year; those who have been doubtful and have failed to do so, should take stock of themselves and make reformation. Reformation is what the Rod came to bring into existence, and if that reformation does not begin with these things then it may never begin. But since it must succeed it is obvious that it will only succeed with those who make these reforms.

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JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH — WHAT IS IT ?

This is a subject of most vital importance to every human being: it is one when rightly understood should cause us to sing the praise of Heaven so loud that all might hear. He who comprehends it fully should be the happiest person on earth and be willing and able to meet any situation; that individual is blessed above all other people.

In the booklet *Christ Our Righteousness*, page 106 (1929 edition) we read the following; "There is not one in one hundred who understands for himself the Bible Truth on this subject ((Justification by Faith) that is so necessary to our present and eternal welfare." We wonder if this subject is any better understood today than it was when this statement was penned. We have reasons to believe that it is not for the simple reason that few people ever mention it and it is seldom or never presented from the pulpit. Yet it is the very heart of the gospel, in fact without it there would be no gospel.

"Though this most important subject is the simplest of all Biblical Truths, it has been widely confused, and largely misunderstood. The example of one man's experience in the things of God, and His justification by faith, should clear the widespread confusion, and remove the veil which has been drawn over the eyes of the faithful. To that also which is of the faith of Abraham; Who is the father of us all. (As it is written, I have made thee a father

of many nations), before Him Whom he believes, even God, Who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.' (Rom. 4:16, 17.)

"When the method pursued by Abraham was followed, then, and then only, can anyone of us be justified: there is no other way. 'And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed and heir according to the promise.' (Gal. 3:29.) 'If we were Abraham's children ye would do the works of Abraham.' (John 8:39.) Let us take notice of Abraham's faith experience, and justification. 'Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father.' (Isaiah 51:1, 2.)

"In the following it will be noticed that Abraham responded without hesitation to all God commanded him to do: Now the Lord said Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee . . . So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him . . . And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.' (Gen. 12:1, 4, 7.) 'And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I

give it, and to thy seed forever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the Lord.' (Gen. 13:14-18.)

"And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised . . . And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.' (Gen. 17:9, 10, 23.)

"And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah has said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away.' (Gen. 21:12, 14.) 'And it came pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now

thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. . . . And Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of the heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. . . . And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and has not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing will I bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemy; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou has obeyed my voice. (Genesis 22:1-3, 9-12, 15-18).

'Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was

called the friend of God. (James 2:23) By simply doing the things that God asked of him he obtained this record: 'Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. 'In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.' (Gen. 26:5, 4.) Having child like faith in the Word, and doing all God has said, is the only sanctification and righteousness that is Christ's. Such are the children of Abraham, and to them is the promise. They openly declare that the blood of Christ has the power to save them from the bondage of sin, and from the condemnation of the law. They shall inhabit the land forever and ever. These are the Israel of God. There are no others, and this only is righteousness and sanctification by faith." (S.R. Vol. 2, pp. 298-300)

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