

Words of Truth

Exposing The Seventh-day Adventists (Part 4)

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This will serve as our fourth article exposing what the Seventh-day Adventists teach/practice (we shall refer to them as the SDA from here forward). Have you ever wondered how denominations get away with constant changes in their teachings? The SDA has a way they go about this that is not too uncommon from other denominations. The SDA, like many others, claim that they receive modern day revelations from God that moves them to new and changed doctrines. It is this false doctrine we shall spend our time with in this fourth article.

Modern Day Revelations/License For Change

The SDA can change their doctrinal positions because they claim modern day revelation. Notice: “Seventh-day Adventists accept the Bible as their only creed and hold certain fundamental beliefs to be the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. These beliefs, as set forth here, constitute the church's understanding and expression of the teaching of Scripture. **Revision of these statements may be expected at a General Conference session when the church is led by the Holy Spirit to a fuller understanding of Bible truth or finds better language in which to express the teachings of God's Holy Word**” (<http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/fundamental/index.html>). Of course, the false doctrine of modern day revelations allows Ellen G. White to be the SDA authority figure. Notice: “This gift is an identifying mark of the remnant church and was manifested in the ministry of Ellen. G. White. **As the Lord's messenger, her writings are a continuing and authoritative source of truth** which provide for the church comfort, guidance, instruction, and correction” (same reference as above).

Did you notice that the SDA starts out claiming that the Bible is their only source of truth, but quickly they jumped to how they have revisions to their statements? Additionally, while claiming the Bible to be their only creed, they then state that the writings of Ellen G. White are a standard of theirs to follow. Anyone with an ability to think can see that these statements contradict themselves. Truth is consistent (Psalms 19:7, Psalms 93:5, and II Peter 1:19-21).

Then the SDA admits that their views exist based upon their own understanding. Again, the Scriptures warn us against such a mindset. Notice: “*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding*” (Proverbs 3:5). No one should ever do what he or she understands to be the truth. Our human reasoning is flawed (Proverbs 3:7, Proverbs 20:24, Proverbs 21:2, Proverbs 23:4, Proverbs 28:26, Jeremiah 10:23, and I Corinthians 4:6). We simply need to see what God says and do it as He said it (Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 6:46-49, Luke 11:28, and James 1:21-25).

It doesn't stop with Ellen G. White either. The statement above shows that their views will change when the General Conference comes into session. They claim this is when the Holy Spirit will reveal

things to them, but we know better and shall discuss that further in a moment. The Holy Spirit does not need a conference to assemble to reveal truth, if such were still done today, anyway! What really happens, as with other denominations, the General Conference decides to change things based upon what they want. The changes that come through the General Conference shows us that this group of people are not of God (Galatians 1:6-12).

Looking at the work of the Holy Spirit allows us to disassemble the false statements above. We know that the SDA church is not being led directly by the Holy Spirit (they're not even indirectly led by Him seeing that they reject the revealed truth). In fact, the Holy Spirit is directly leading no one living today. After Christ left this earth, the Holy Spirit was given to man in two different ways. The first, like we see on the "Day of Pentecost" (Acts 2:1-4), was through Holy Spirit baptism (Matthew 3:11 and Acts 1:5). The Holy Spirit was given one other time in this manner. Such occurred at the house of Cornelius to show that gentiles could be saved under the Gospel of Christ (Acts 10:44-48-11:18). By the time you come to the book of Ephesians, Holy Spirit baptism ceased (Ephesians 4:4-6), as only water baptism, which saves, continued (I Peter 3:20-21). The only other way the Spirit was given was through the laying on of an Apostle's hands (Acts 8:12-24 and Acts 19:1-7). There are no Apostles today. Therefore, the Spirit is not working to reveal things through man today.

That leads to the second part of the Bible answer to this false doctrine. The Holy Spirit came to guide men into all truths (John 16:13). All truth has now been revealed (I Corinthians 2:9-14; 13:8-13, II Timothy 3:16-17, and Jude 3). The Holy Spirit will not guide the SDA to a fuller understanding. The Scriptures serve that purpose (Job 32:8, Psalms 119:104; 119:130 and John 5:39). This leaves us with one simple conclusion. The SDA church leadership is full of liars (Proverbs 30:5-6) looking to lead people into new doctrines, which will constantly change (cf. Malachi 3:6). They then forge the name of God by claiming their doctrines are of the Lord. A close examination of the Scriptures shows us that their revelations are not of God at all.

Finally, along this point, even if all truth were not fully revealed, the truth would not change (Matthew 24:35 and I Peter 1:23-25). The SDA claims modern day revelations so that no point of truth would have to stand forever. For example, God would not choose a woman to be the messenger or authority for the church (I Corinthians 14:34-35 and I Timothy 2:11-12), but the SDA gives credence to Ellen G. White. In this fact alone, because they are teaching error on the matter, proves they are not led by revelation at all whether modern or the true revelation of the Scriptures of old (Deuteronomy 18:20-22 and I Timothy 1:3-7). By tracing their roots to women leadership and continuing to promote that, we can see these folks do not speak by the authority of the Lord (Jeremiah 23:32).

Conclusion

The errors of the SDA are very obvious. Their willingness to change God's word is sickening. The SDA would do well to consider this text from the book of Jeremiah: *"Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie. Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the LORD. So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month"* (Jeremiah 28:15-17). Our next and final article on the SDA will expose their teaching concerning the second and third coming of Christ.