The 2520 Truth Introduction

The study of the conditional prophecy of the 2520 is a matter of contention in the Seventh Day Adventist Movement. Those who study it have two issues to confront and if you are not grounded in the word of God either issue will unsettle your faith and your practice. One issue is that you cannot teach, neither can you study to show yourself approved of God this far reaching subject if you are cowardly, hesitant, people-pleasing, waffling, and compromising. The other issue is that you cannot teach, neither can you study to show yourself approved of God this far reaching subject if you are headstrong, judgmental, unkind, abrasive and dogmatic. In the name of "love" the first issue risks not speaking the “truth”; in the name of "truth," the second issue risks not speaking in “love”. Because we desire to teach one another and to study to show ourselves approved of God we must prayerfully pause often to pray that we do our best in this study to speak the “truth in love”.

Let’s open with some hard truth that you may not accept at your initial hearing. But when and if you discern truth through the word of God the Holy Spirit will guide you…just follow Him. We trust "authorities" to tell us the truth. But we serve a God who is very personal. He became personal to us when we were "born again". He has given us the Holy Scriptures. And He gave us His Comforter/Guide by His Presence in the Holy Spirit. So we must take the time to do our homework and take this responsible action ourselves. In order to discover the truth we must do our own homework.

II Timothy 2:15, 16, 16, 16, 16, 16, 16, 16.

We can’t with our finite minds understand all the details of God’s ways and workings nor His purposes- BUT as we study broadly in the SOP and Bible and realize more of His characteristics and see His workings in the past, we can begin to understand things that help us co-operate with our salvation process. It also helps us to see through a lot of misinformation that gets passed around as facts, merely because what people think God is.

Psalms 50:21-23

The 2520 is given to demonstrate God’s intervention. God functions within His laws, as they are a transcript of His Character and He doesn’t change, therefore they don’t change either, however He can choose to intervene, and He did. The principles of rebellion and lawlessness are displayed before the universe. When the universe saw what Satan did to Jesus at the crucifixion, they saw clearly through Satan’s lies, but mankind didn’t and still doesn’t. The unfallen beings resolved the matter through love for God and wisdom of discernment. But not us. We lost both those capacities at sin. So God had to put enmity in us for that which was death.

God is allowing things to continue on this earth for a while. His cup of mercy is so deep that until it is full with man’s iniquity God’s wrath will not fall. Before this irrevocable time occurs, God has a pattern of action that He follows, first He seeks to win hearts through His mercy and blessings, then He begins to allow some of the ‘causes and effects’ to fall. Remember the 120 year prophecy? Why then was the 2520 year conditional prophecy given? The “ENMITY” can be understood by the work of the Holy Spirit seeking to bring the person to repentance. Guilt and troubling of the conscience is one of the ways God tries to get through to man. He ‘troubles the waters’ and man finds this uncomfortable. If we turn to Jesus with a humble heart, seeking to come into harmony with God through Him, He grants us repentance, followed by forgiveness, and will lead us and recreate us until we come into the image of Christ.

Have you ever realized the events of the final days of this earth as portrayed in **PROPHECY** are symptoms of a dying world? The choices being made, the rushing into alliances, whether at a national level or an individual level, and the determination to ‘do your own thing’ no matter who suffers, are all the results of the mercy of God being beaten back by a world in stubborn rebellion. Man is choosing to separate from God, and as he does this, he is choosing death. As his mind becomes less keen to see truth, he begins to die more and more, and he loves it, because his heart desires overturns the conscience more and more.

What about those who love Jesus? The ones who ‘believe’ in Him? The Holy Spirit is coming more and more to them and as this happens they become less and less satisfied with their own spirituality; they start crying to the Lord for cleansing, to have sin out of their lives fully! As He draws closer they see their own unworthiness more and wrestle with Jesus for victory. These are obedient to the first commandment.

Mark 12:29, 30

God’s Spirit is being withdrawn more and more from this world, but He still loves mankind. There is only one more demonstration He can use whereby He can save a few- It is by sending forth 144,000 copies of His own character into the world to show the contrast between the ways of the BEAST and the ways of GOD. As the symptoms of the death of this rebellious world are coming more and more on the scene, Jesus is preparing His last demonstration of love and mercy- a group of people fully under the Holy Spirit’s power! A group that will act like Jesus acted no matter what the devil throws at them. Can we do this ourselves- No Way! BUT Jesus will do it in us, He will prepare us, if we are willing. He is “Christ Our Righteousness”. This group will show to the World and the Universe that Satan’s accusations are lies!

Please think for a moment of the preparation we need to be seeking and how Jesus helps us to ‘get ready’. He sends trials, gradually making them harder until we have total confidence in Him and His ability to keep us and He gives us prophetic insight for our admonishment that we may know that we can ‘follow the Lamb withersoever He goeth’!

Ask yourself this question, how serious is God concerning His word?

I Kings 13

God teaches that the exact truth should be the law of speech. God gives us the words to say that condemn all meaningless phrases and expletives that border on profanity. They condemn the deceptive compliments, the evasion of truth, the flattering phrases, the exaggerations, the misrepresentations. They teach that no one who tries to appear what he is not, or whose words do not convey the real sentiment of his heart, can be called truthful. And anything more than truth is of Satan! Read Thoughts From the Mount of Blessings, page 67-69.

Matthew 5:37

To affirm a thing let us say “yea”. And to evidence our assurance of a thing let us say “yea”, “yea”. In denying a thing, say “nay”. For repetition say “nay”, “nay”. If we have fidelity to God it should be enough without adding justifications.