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LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one"
(Matthew 6:13)

Christians agree today that life is getting more difficult than it used to be. God is training His children in many ways possible in order to teach them total abiding; "God leads His people on, step by step. He brings them up to different points calculated to manifest what is in the heart. Some endure at one point, but fall off at the next. At every advanced point the heart is tested and tried a little closer...Here they have opportunity to see what is in their hearts that shuts out Jesus...Those who come up to every point, and stand every test, and overcome, be the price what it may, have heeded the counsel of the True Witness, and they will receive the latter rain, and thus be fitted for translation. *"Lift Him Up"* Daily Devotional – Ellen White

When man is at his weakest point, the enemy comes with his temptations. According to the Scriptures, as Jesus was hungry after 40 days of fasting, the enemy came to offer Him some food to tempt Him when He was physically weak; Satan tempted Him with:

- The lust of the flesh: food for hunger;
- The lust of the eyes: the kingdoms of the world;
- And the pride of life: casting Himself from the roof (Matthew 4).

If in our life trying times we are found faithful, and our love for God the Father is stronger than our passions, we will remain faithful in the hour of temptation to come on us. However, if in those trying times our love for the world is stronger, we will yield to the temptations of the enemy.

The hour of temptation that is ahead of us will involve buying and selling: if we cannot buy or sell, we might not be able to :

- Provide food to satisfy our hunger (lust of the flesh);
- Provide ourselves what we want (lust of the eyes);
- A voice for our words to be given any consideration (pride of life).

The adherents of truth are now called upon to choose between disregarding a plain requirement of God's word or forfeiting their liberty. If we yield the word of God, and accept human customs and traditions, we may still be permitted to live among men, to buy and sell, and have our rights respected. But if we maintain our loyalty to God, it must be at the sacrifice of our rights among men. For the enemies of God's law have leagued together to crush out independent judgement in matters of religious faith, and to control the consciences of men. They are determined to put an end to the long-continued controversy concerning the Sabbath, to prohibit all further spread of the truth upon this point, and to secure the exaltation of Sunday, in the very face of the injunction of the fourth commandment. Ellen White HM NOV.1,1893.

If we love this life, and the things that are in, standing for God in a time where we cannot buy or sell will be a challenge. John the apostle wrote:

- Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. 1 John 2:15 – 17.

Friends, will you love Jesus more when you meet with the hour of temptation? When the reasonable realities of life become a spiritual test threatening your eternal destiny?

May God help us to stand for Jesus. It will be worth it all when we see His face. Amen

Yours in the blessed hope.

- Edem Fabrice Ameyou

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