

the hour to your door, are to be paid by the tithes and offerings that come to the Lord's storehouse. God, therefore, asks His faithful people to gladly respond to His call and sufficiently to supply the need. He asks this not only for the prosperity of His storehouse, but for His people's prosperity as well.

Why must the message bearers come to your door in order to bring the message to you? --
Because, as you

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already know, most of the ministers have closed the church doors and the laity's minds and hearts against the Lord's message for today. This they have done in no lesser degree than the priests did in Christ's day. The Lord way back in Jeremiah's time foresaw that the angel (ministry) of the church of the Laodiceans would do this wicked thing against Him and His people so as to keep forever the Laodiceans in their self-deception. Speaking of ancient Israel's dispersion among the nations, and of antitypical Israel's gathering, in the sixteenth chapter of Jeremiah's prophecy Inspiration explains thus:

"Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them, and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." (Jer. 16:16.)

Here you are plainly told that in the gathering time the servants of God are compelled first to fish His people, then to hunt them. Since our first contact with them has been through the literature, it, therefore, must be the fishing. Rightly so, too, because as it is scattered everywhere as the leaves of autumn, the fish come to examine it, find it good for food, take a bite and get hooked, so to speak. Now, however, we are in the hunting period, and we have already begun to hunt them, be they in the city or in the country, in places easy to get to, or in places hard to get to. Wherever they live, there they must be hunted, although it will not be a small easy task to catch at home something like 300,000 or more Adventists scattered throughout the United States alone, besides over 500,000 or more scattered throughout the foreign lands. This you see is mighty expensive work demanding many hunters with expensive chariots (cheaper ones could not stand the task), covering hundreds of thousands of miles and requiring as many barrels of gasoline and oil. This is not a

small task, proportionately there has never been the like, and will therefore take the united strength of every present Truth believer to keep them going and get the work done so that we can soon go to Glory Land.

Yes, it is a great undertaking and a great work with a great promise requiring multiple hundreds of thousands of dollars and all the able and willing bodies He can get to hunt hundreds of thousands of Seventh-day Adventists "in the holes and in the rocks" world over. To say a tremendous responsibility hardly describes the load, but as plain as day stands the fact that it is worthwhile, that we cannot fail, and that His people will respond both to the message and to the help of the Lord against the mighty. And how thankful we ought to be that everyone is given the privilege and the opportunity in one way or in another to share the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

In the light of revealed Truth you now plainly see that God accepts only that which His Truth-loving and Kingdom-seeking people give willingly and cheerfully. He hates gifts obtained by begging, high pressuring, and campaigning. He challenges His people to prove Him, now in the gathering time, by wholeheartedly bringing their tithes and offerings to His storehouse of the Judgment of the Living and see if He will not open the windows of Heaven and pour down a blessing that there would not be room enough to receive. Then He reassures:

"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts."
(Mal. 3:11, 12.)

Now that the time has come for the Lord to openly manifest His power, anyone wishing prosperity and

publicity can have them, "For the time is come that Judgment must begin at the house of God: if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" (1 Pet. 4:17.)

