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# **Adventist History**

*M. L. Anderson*

*J. N. Kellogg*

# Hindsight

**Seventh-day Adventist History  
in Essays and Extracts**

*Ellen G. White*

*Hugo J. Jones*

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**February 18, 1902**



**December 30, 1902**



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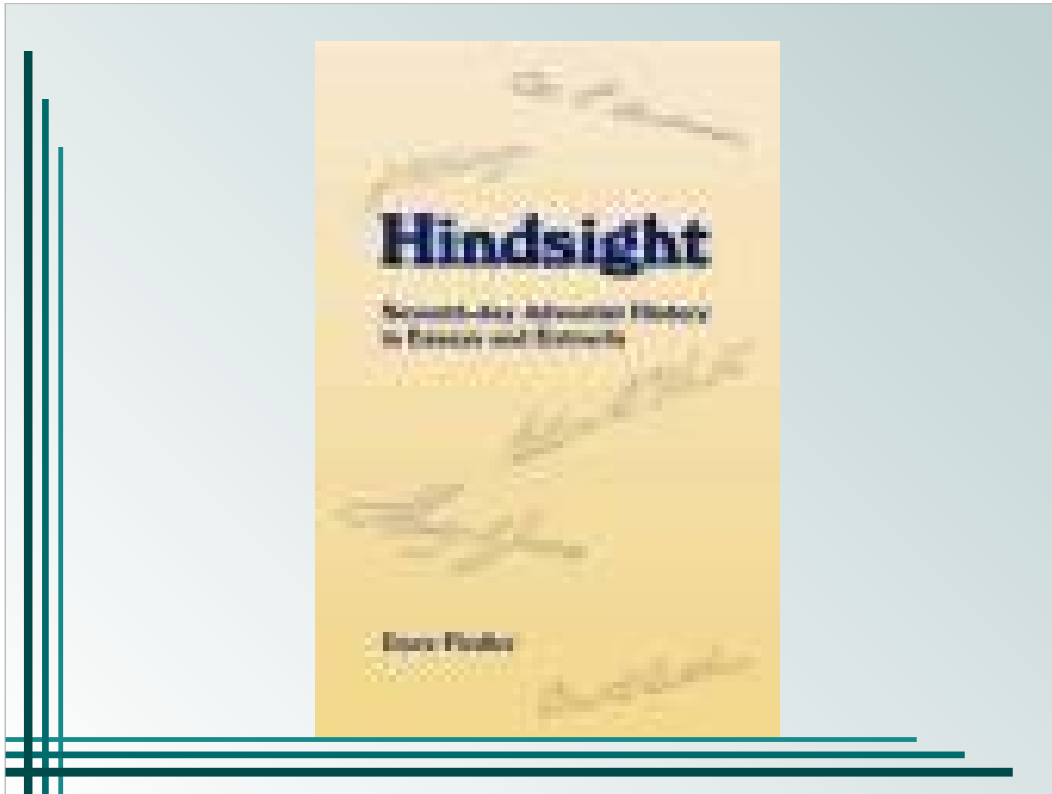
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I enjoy Adventist History, but I'll admit it makes a boring title.





Because I liked the topic, in some small circles, I came to be known as an “Adventist History guy.”

I eventually wrote a book on the subject.

But “Adventist History” still sounds boring

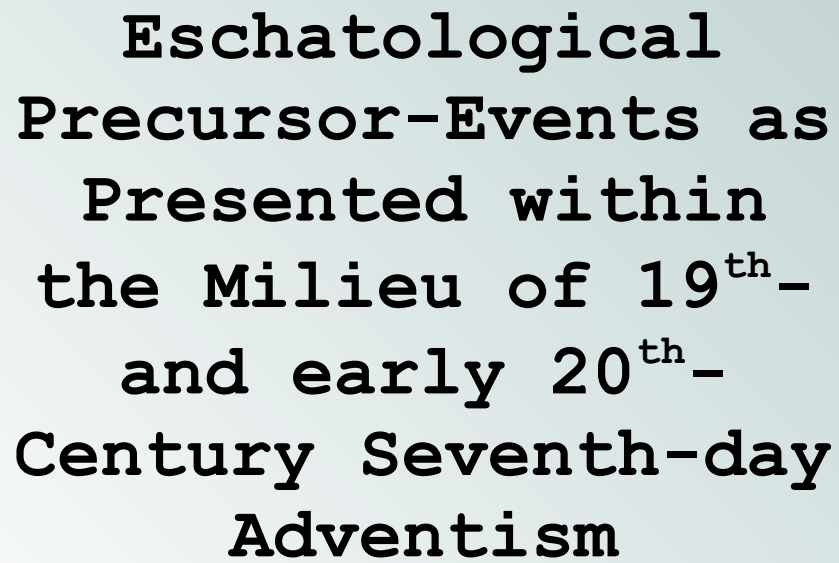
Needed a better title for this series of talks, so I made up...



# **Adventist Futury**

...a whole new word. The idea is to focus on lessons from the past that are good for the future.

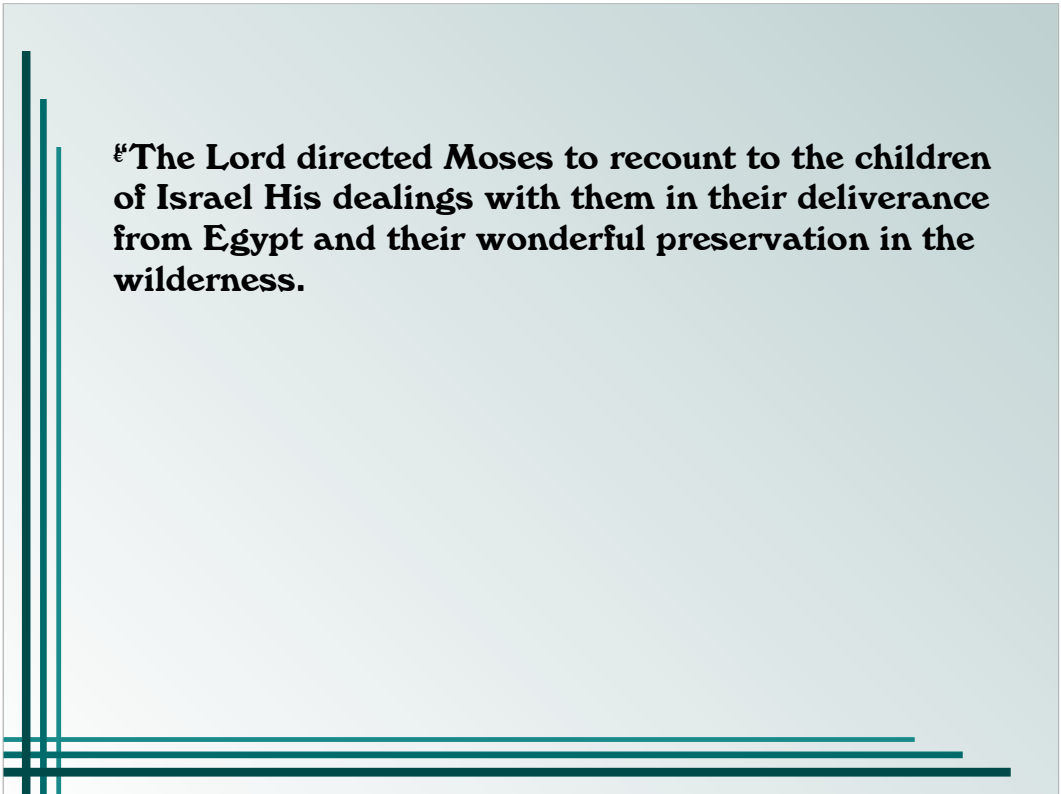
Then I was invited to speak at “Advent HOPE” in Loma Linda one weekend. Somehow my new title didn’t seem dignified enough for a University audience, so...



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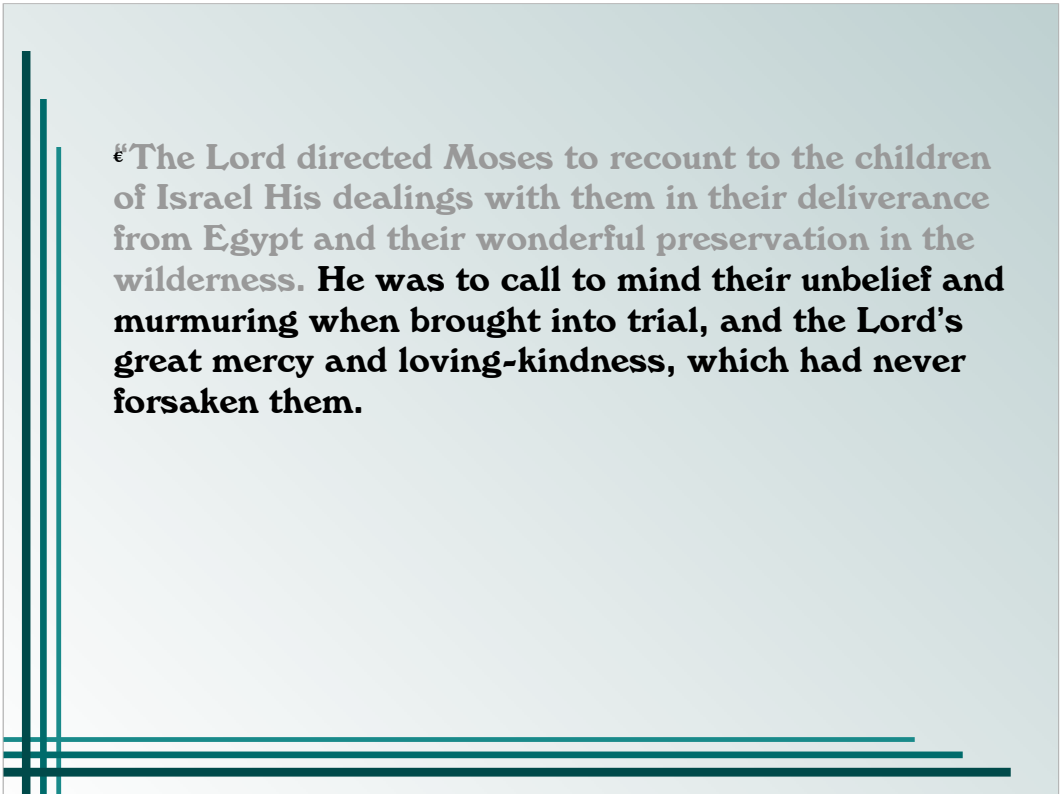
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But generally I stick with Advent Futury.



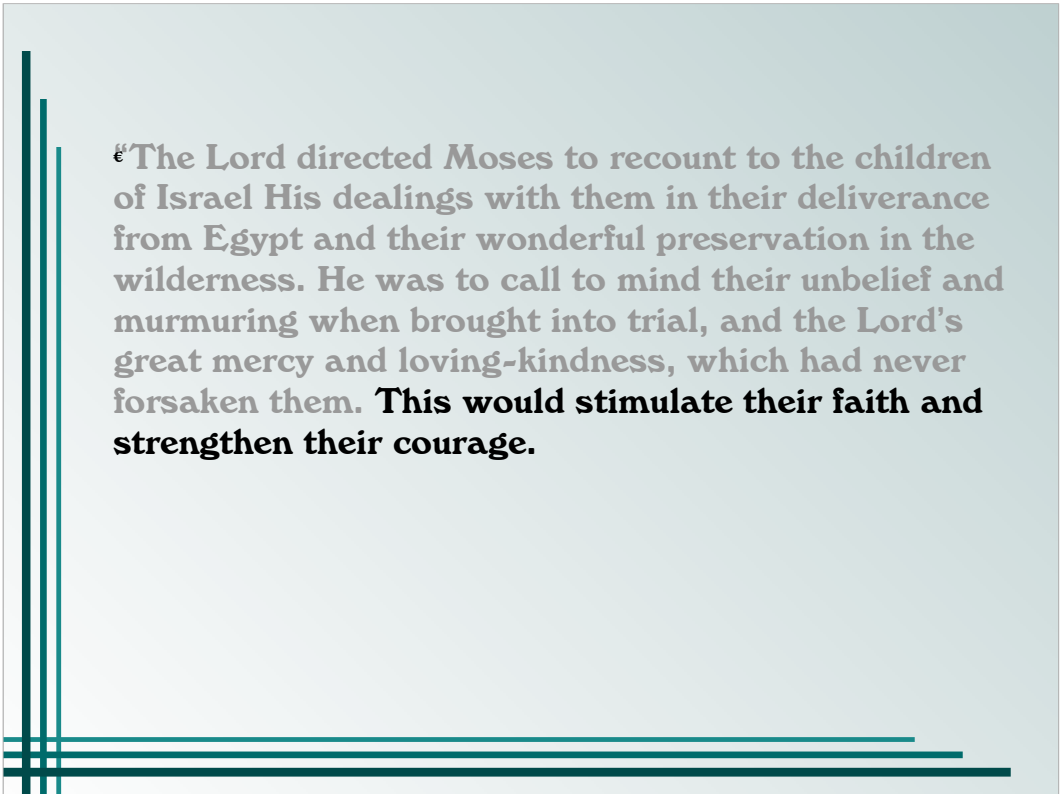
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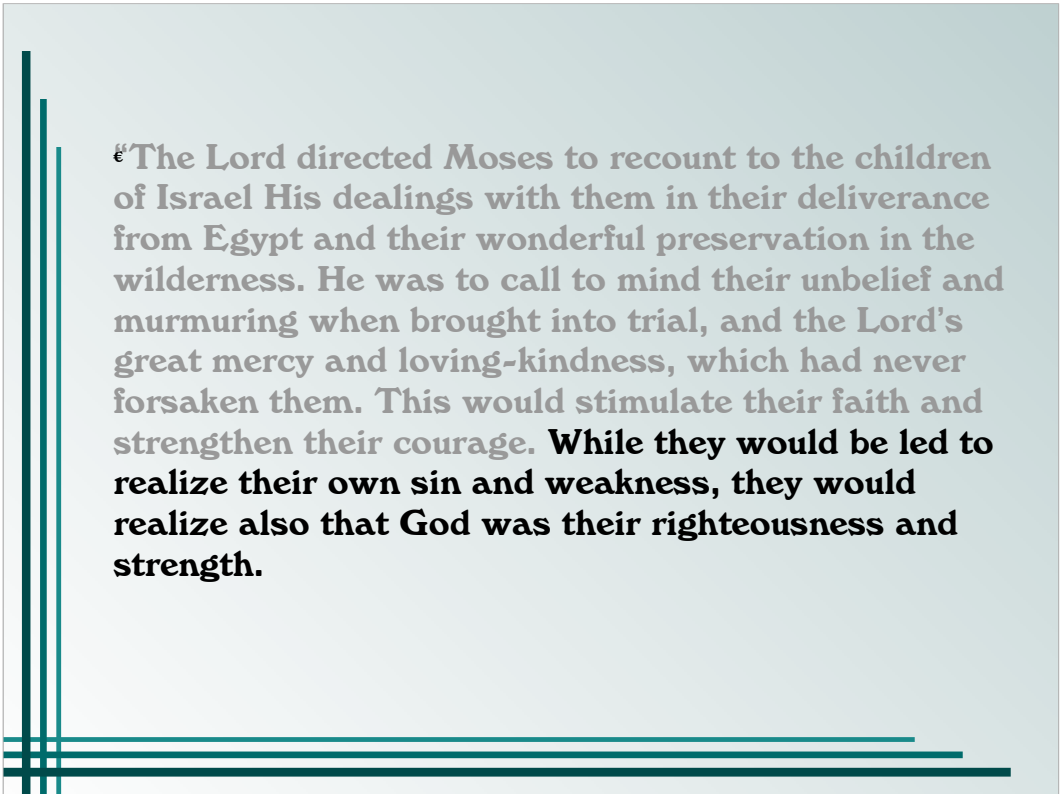
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Bad news about us, but good news about God.

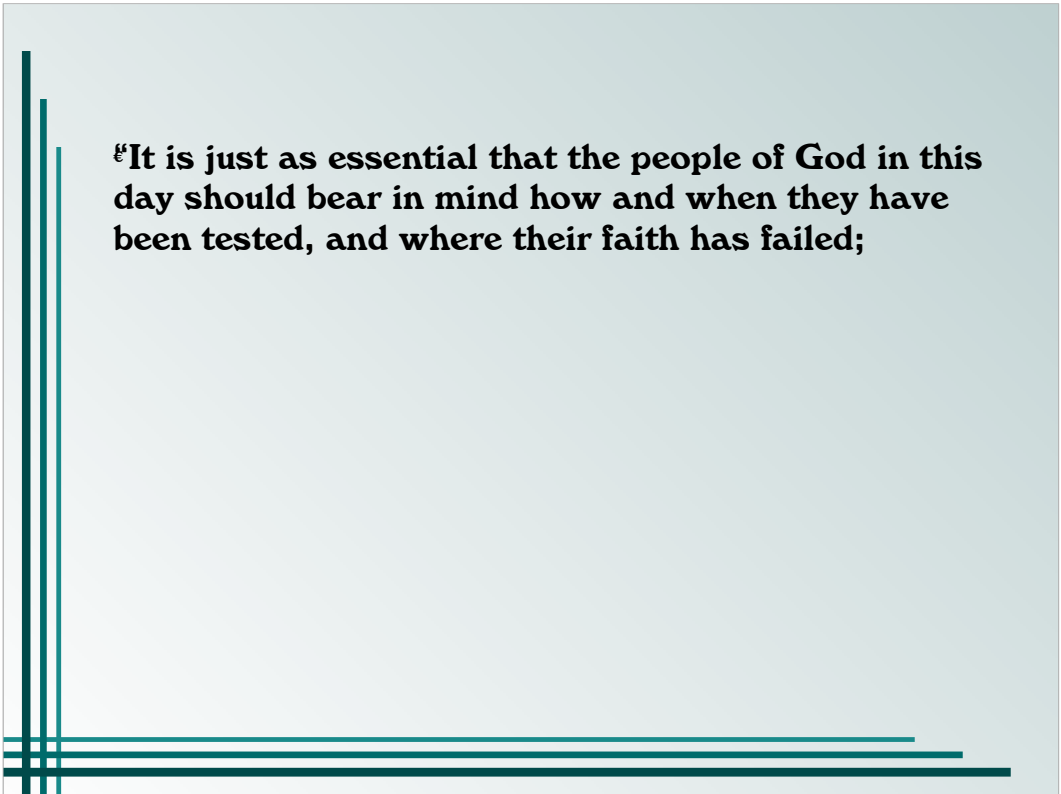


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Faith and courage. This doesn’t come from just the bad news or just the good news. Some people only want to talk about one or the other—not good.

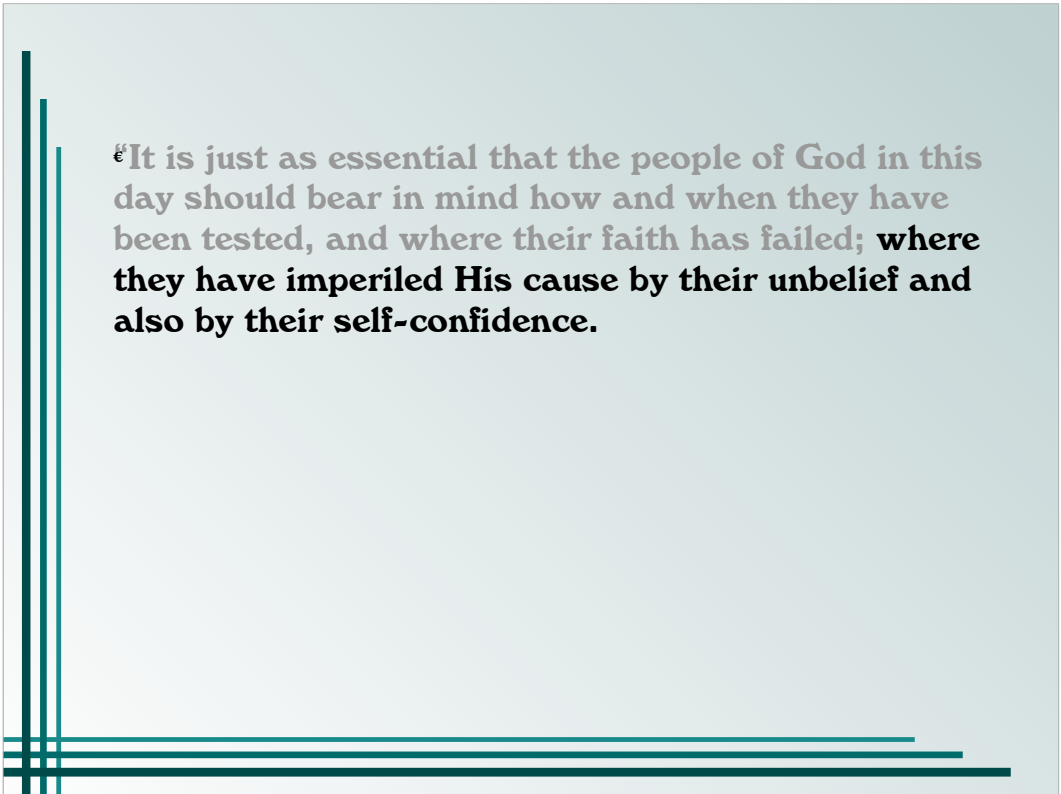


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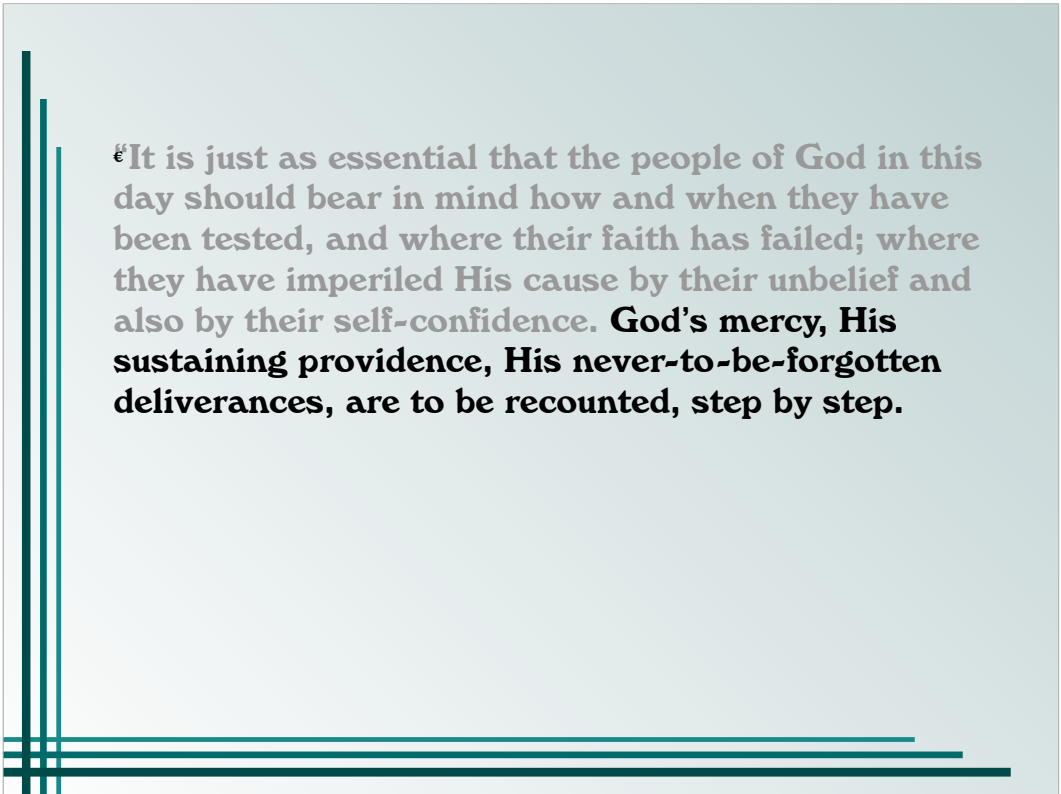


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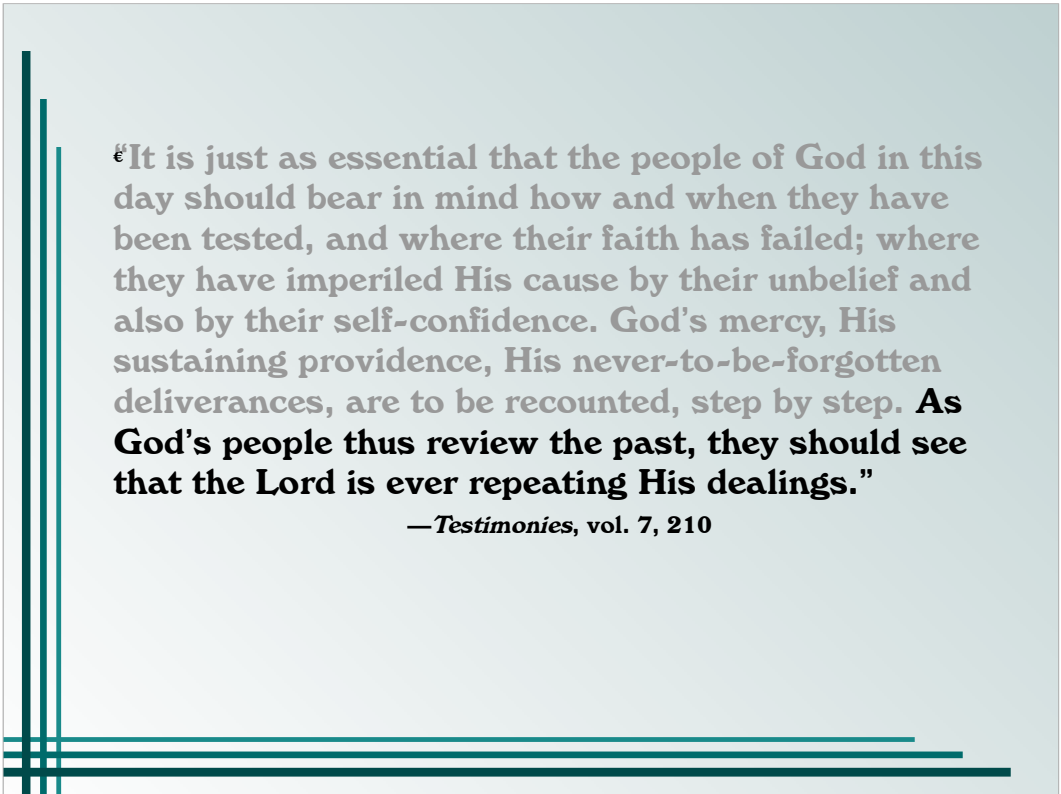




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“Ever repeating”--that’s why there is value in history.

**February 18, 1902**



1,000 beds

10 times too big

Kellogg—changing trains in Chicago

New plans, bigger plans

\$1000 chandeliers

Marble floors

Book plan—*Living Temple*

Objections

Committees

Private publication

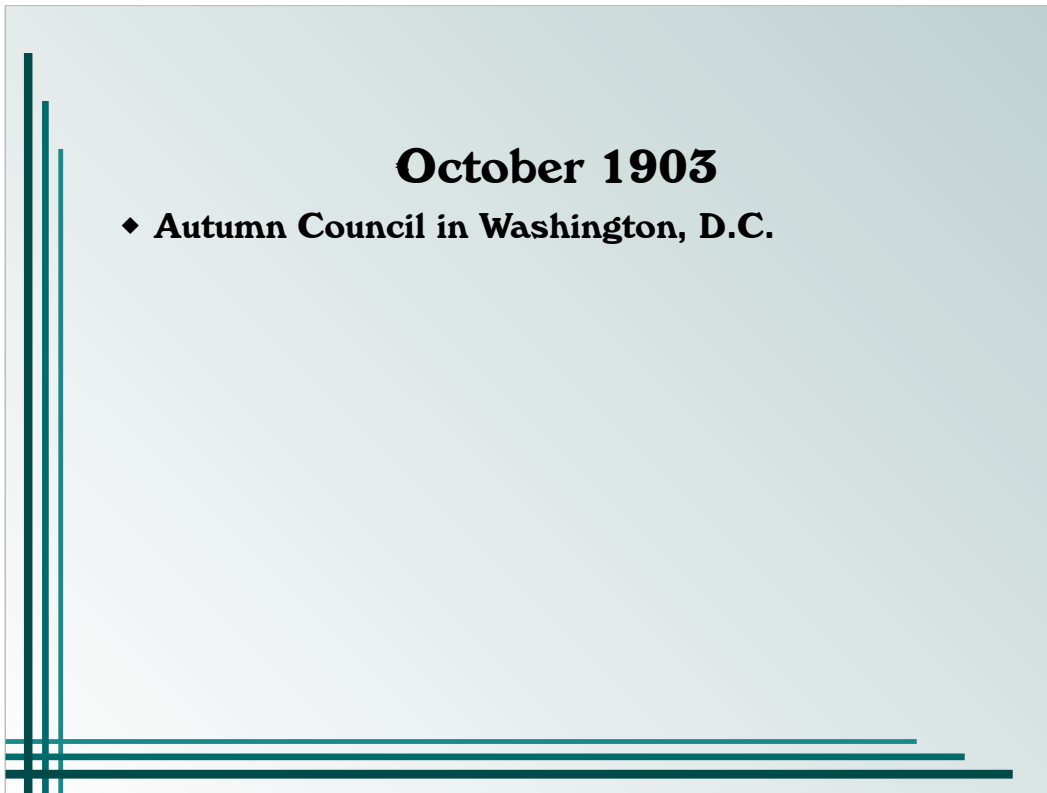
December 30, 1902—printing plates distributed

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Review burned

Kellogg had his book printed elsewhere



Medical workers supporting *Living Temple*

Letters from Ellen White

Iceberg vision

## **Two Lessons Learned**

- ◆ **The Lord still works for His people**
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Different lessons learned

Discredit Ellen White

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Two years later

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Someone was kind enough to tell Ellen White what Willie was doing (since God hadn't bothered to)



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This whole experiment had already been tried—by someone who actually tried to claim she had manipulated the writings of Ellen White

## **Fannie's Claim**

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Very small portions, actually—really just a few flowery descriptive expressions

## Fannie Bolton



Fannie was good help, but thought she could improve Ellen White's writing.

The Lord disagreed, and told His messenger about it.

Confronted five times

Taken away from all literary work

Decided to leave Mrs. White's employ.

"I do not want any person who will feel it her prerogative to change the matter I shall give them into their own supposed beautiful, learned language.

I want my own style to appear in my own words."<sup>7</sup>

"She is a farce."<sup>8</sup>

Only of interest as a test case for how God and the prophet would respond to someone messing around with the Spirit of Prophecy

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Still people today who say Willie White, or A.G. Daniells, or Uriah Smith tampered with the Spirit of Prophecy writings.

Favorite—Uriah Smith changed things when the Great Controversy was revised in 1911.

Not likely—he died in 1903

Must have been the part about the state of the dead

**BUT NOW, BACK TO 1906 AND OUR MAIN STORY**

**1906**



Legal struggle over control of Dime Tabernacle

Board of Trustees held ownership

7 members, 1 retiring

3 pro-Sanitarium

GC, RH, BC College had all moved out of town

Kellogg/Jones had tried to replace Daniells in the fall of  
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From a tactical point of view, very annoying

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Getting out of hand

Something had to be done to muzzle this woman

But what?

Someone had a plan

What was needed was just one really plain mistaken  
“Testimony” from Ellen White.

Even better if it showed she could be influenced

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Legalities

Three meetings required

Belden shouted accusations for most of the first meeting

At the second, spoke 34 times, 5 minutes each time

George Amadon, came to BC in 1853 “If only Sister White were here”

Ten minutes before third meeting—Western Union delivered the... **CLICK FOR NEXT SLIDE**

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