



ADVENTIST TEACHER'S DAY

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The Science of Salvation

GOD HAS HAD and still has a lot of interest in our schools. God has established schools because He knows how important they are for us today. He knows that they must be places where our Adventist sons and daughters can find refuge from worldly influences and where the science of salvation is fundamental.

Maria Marta arrived at the Adventist school looking for something else. She and her mother were members of a different religious community. When she arrived at the school she asked to speak to the principal and was immediately received. Her first words when she entered were: "The Lord has told me that this is the place where I should study. I don't have money, but both my mother and I are willing to do anything so that I can study in the place because here I can learn more about God."

This girl was only five years old, but both she and her mother were convicted that the small school was the best place for her. Each Adventist school that's built involves a great responsibility, because it plays a fundamental role in the preaching of the gospel and the salvation of our children. Ellen G. White says, "In a special manner our schools are a spectacle unto angels and to men" (*Christian Education*, p. 83). Our schools have a superior science, the science of salvation. We have to prepare leaders and workers that will be the ones to finish the story of this world.

The sciences are important, and standing out in the world of knowledge is important, but the knowledge that God came to impart is even more important. Human beings today are very

interested in knowledge. Some say that we are in the age of knowledge, because people know more and more as time goes on. The enemy seeks to place human knowledge about true knowledge, and seeks to make human knowledge used to exalt people above God's wisdom.

The inspired pen warns us, "When the mind is engrossed with the conceptions and theories of men to the exclusion of the wisdom of God, it is stamped with idolatry" (Ibid, p. 83). Adventist schools center their knowledge on the science of salvation, and seek to exalt the Creator in all their activities, because they know that God has His precious jewels in the classrooms. But it is very sad to know that many are not conscious of the role that Adventist educational institutions play.

Some time ago I heard that a boy was lost, but strangely there was no AMBER alert. In other words, the police was not informed. The unusual part was that the parents did not realize that their son was lost. They were so entertained with their social and scholastic activities that they did not notice. The father faithfully attended the meetings in his church. He was the head elder, and made sure that everything was in order for the different services. He has part of the Men's Group at the church, but in spite of that he was not aware of the situation with his son. The mother was busy as a deaconess, Sabbath School Director, and organized the Marriage Group in her church, among other activities, and that is why she did not realize that her son was missing either. Sadly, the pastor did not realize what was happening either, because he was busy with the adults of the

**OPENING
HYMN: Adventist
Hymnal, no. 515**

**SCRIPTURE
READING:
Isaiah 54:13**

**CLOSING
HYMN: Adventist
Hymnal, no. 497**

SERMON

church, in organizing the mission work, in campaigns, in baptisms, and in visitation activities; but he neglected a small member of his congregation.

We are told that we are losing fifty percent of the young people in our church. If this situation occurred in the secular world, all of the responsible entities would call a world-wide alert, because it would be a pandemic. It seems that we have not noticed the grave situation that affects our church. Our children and young people are being lost. It is like we are under the shadow of the enemy. We see the truth like objects are seen when looking through a smoky or imperfect lens. Our spiritual vision is weak. We draw away from the light, and remain in the shadows. We who profess to be children of light should remain in the light, and ask the Holy Spirit to take away all the shadows that prevent us from seeing what God wants us to see and understand.

God has a plan for each one of our children. He does not want them to be lost because of a false education that leads them to make efforts in obtaining only intellectual knowledge or temporary gains. God does not want our children to have an education that does not include eternal interests.

It is not a sin for our children and young people to give their best and develop their faculties. We do not want our young people and children to have knowledge that only allows them to develop in this world; but an education that prepares them for a life of service and helps them have a personal encounter with the Savior.

As we look at our environment and analyze the educational tendencies of the secular world, we see that it is completely focused on the wisdom of great people who don't have an understanding of a superior education, the one that places God above all things.

Brothers and sisters, we cannot allow the minds of our children to be contaminated with knowledge that does not praise God, the kind of education that does not value eternal life. The science of true education is the truth that will impress the soul of each person so deeply that it cannot be erased with the errors found in other educational systems.

Maria was enrolled in the Adventist school. During her elementary education she heard and learned about

the marvels of the Savior. Once she turned eleven, she decided to give her life to Jesus. She was baptized along with her mother in the Adventist Church, and today is in ninth grade in her local Adventist School. Maria discovered the true science, the science that God wants all Adventist children to know.

Parents, remember that true education consists of including ideas that can impress the mind and heart of young people with the knowledge of God the Creator, and Jesus Christ the Redeemer. If our young people obtain this knowledge, they will have the essentials.

Let's read Psalm 127:3, "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,

The fruit of the womb is a reward."

Brothers and sisters don't allow our children to fall into the hands of unbelievers. Do everything possible to avoid them escaping your hands. Don't prevent them from obtaining true knowledge. I invite you to reflect on this:

- Where are your children?
- Who is training them?
- What do your children learn in the hours they are away from you?
- Where do you want to see your kids for eternity?
- What will you do to save your children?

God has instituted schools and colleges that serve as a refuge for our children, and has chosen teachers that share our hope and collaborate with parents in the preparation of the children for eternal life. Christian education is a salvation issue. Don't allow the currents of this world to drag your children along. All children must be educated by Jehovah.

Isaiah 54:13 says: "All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children." Ellen G. White tells us, "It is high time for Sabbath keepers to separate their children from worldly associations and place them under the very best teachers, who will make the Bible the foundation of all study" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 109).

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