



## The Holy Spirit and Spirituality 1Q 2017 Lesson 6 The Holy Spirit and Living A Holy Life

Before we get into this week's lesson I received a number of emails from listeners and one post on our Facebook page about our discussion regarding Ananias and Sapphira. Here is the post from our Facebook page, which is similar to the emails received:

*Dr. Jennings, really appreciate the focus on God's character and your willingness to challenge our thinking. Even though I agree generally with your conclusions, I fear you have undermined your credibility a bit in this lesson, by selectively quoting Ellen White on the topic of Ananias and Sapphira. I noticed that you quoted Ellen White's beautiful statement about coercion having no place in God's government, and you rightly point out that the Bible does not say this was an act of punishment on God's part (not going beyond what is written), but you did not seem to be aware of Ellen White's own comments on the Ananias and Sapphira story. When your listeners read for themselves Ellen White's comments on the Ananias and Sapphira incident on AA pp.75-76 in which she very clearly refers to the incident using the word punishment, they will have reason to believe you have an agenda and have selectively quoted to make your point. Just as you said regarding the lesson author's comments about the divinity of the Holy Spirit based on this story, that you agree with the conclusion, but don't find the argument compelling, I would say the same. I agree with your conclusion, that God does not coerce, but I'm not sure we need to excise the word punishment from our vocabulary in order to arrive there.*

Here are two paragraphs from AA:

**From the stern punishment meted out to those perjurers,** God would have us learn also how deep is His hatred and contempt for all hypocrisy and deception. In pretending that they had given all, Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Holy Spirit, and, as a result, they lost this life and the life that is to come. **The same God who punished them,** today condemns all falsehood. Lying lips are an abomination to Him. He declares that into the Holy City "there shall in no wise enter . . . anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie." Revelation 21:27. Let truth telling be held with no loose hand or uncertain grasp. **Let it become a part of the life. Playing fast and loose with truth, and dissembling to suit one's own selfish plans, means shipwreck of faith.** "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth." Ephesians 6:14. He who utters untruths sells his soul in a cheap market. His falsehoods may seem to serve in emergencies; he may thus seem to make business advancement that he could not gain by fair dealing; **but he finally reaches the place where he can trust no one. Himself a falsifier, he has no confidence in the word of others.** {AA 75.3} [Please note what she is describing happening, what is occurring?]



**In the case of Ananias and Sapphira, the sin of fraud against God was speedily punished.** The same sin was often repeated in the after history of the church and is committed by many in our time. But though it may not be attended by the visible manifestation of God's displeasure, it is no less heinous in His sight now than in the apostles' time. The warning has been given; God has clearly manifested His abhorrence of this sin; and **all who give themselves up to hypocrisy and covetousness may be sure that they are destroying their own souls.** {AA 76.1}

So, how do you hear this quotation? Through what law lens? Do you hear it as God sending power, originating in Himself, out and inflicting death upon them, OR as God surrendering them to their choice and thus ceasing the use of His power which had been protecting them?

Consider this passage from Romans:

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance **he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished**—Romans 3:21-25

Did all the people in OT times (other than Enoch and Elijah) die? Was their death punishment for sin? Paul says their sins were not punished—what do we understand this to mean?

Was the death that Ananias and Sapphira suffered a different death than Nadab and Abihu, or the platoon that came to arrest Elijah or Sodom and Gomorrah suffered? In other words was their death the first or second death? Is the first death the punishment for sin...hmmm...what do we do then?

Perhaps we should read a few other EGW quotes and compare them to the one in AA read above:

**"We are not to regard God as waiting to punish the sinner for his sin. The sinner brings the punishment upon himself.** His own actions start a train of circumstances that bring the sure result. Every act of transgression reacts upon the sinner, works in him a change of character, and makes it more easy for him to transgress again. By choosing to sin, **men separate themselves from God, cut themselves off from the channel of blessing, and the sure result is ruin and death.**" {1SM 235.2}

And these next two quotes were emailed to me this week by Ben Welebir:

This case is placed on record for our benefit. Just what took place in Pharaoh's heart will take place in every soul that neglects to cherish the light and walk promptly in its rays. **God**



**destroys no one. The sinner destroys himself by his own impenitence.** When a person once neglects to heed the invitations, reproofs, and warnings of the Spirit of God, **his conscience becomes seared**, and the next time he is admonished, it will be more difficult to yield obedience than before. And thus with every repetition. Conscience is the voice of God, heard amid the conflict of human passions; when it is resisted, the Spirit of God is grieved. – {5T 120.1}

We want all to understand how the soul is destroyed. **It is not that God sends out a decree that man shall not be saved.** He does not throw a darkness before the eyes which cannot be penetrated. But man at first resists a motion of the Spirit of God, and, having once resisted, it is less difficult to do so the second time, less the third, and far less the fourth. **Then comes the harvest to be reaped from the seed of unbelief and resistance.** Oh what a harvest of sinful indulgences is preparing for the sickle! – {5T 120.2}

Are these quotes as equally true as what she wrote in the AA? If so, then how do we balance them?

We recognize the balance is *the punishment that sin brings* when God stops intervening to hold sin at bay and surrenders the sinner to their choice, which, in the Bible, is also known as God's wrath!

So, Ananias and Sapphira, experienced God's wrath of letting them go, because of their choice, and they reaped what happens when the source of life lets go—they died the first death—not the second, but the method was not merely the wearing out of their bodies from old age, but the accelerated, or speedy, immediate result of separation from God. This is what sin does, which is to separate one from God, and is what we described in different words in our lesson a few weeks ago. Thus, God punished them by stopping His interventions that were keeping them alive and allowing them to reap what sin brings—death. This is exactly what I described happening in the lesson a few weeks ago with the Holy Spirit.

I want to commend all those who found these EGW quotes in AA and emailed us or posted on our Facebook page for not simply reading the EGW quote and then closing your minds to what we are teaching, but inquiring, asking for clarification. Excellent!

But, now, I would like to point out a process that happened here—typically when I present something that sounds like it is different than what has been commonly taught, I go to great lengths to look up statements like this one from EGW in AA and bring it into class and unpack it and demonstrate, as we just did, that what I am teaching is consistent with her writings. However, this time I did not do this and several listeners immediately found they could not resolve this apparent contradiction on their own—but these types of situations are exactly what each of us need in order to practice thinking through the evidence for ourselves. It is like a math teacher showing how to work problems, but then the students need to work some of the problems on their own.



I hope those of you who found the AA quote, over the last couple of weeks, have been grappling with it in light of other quotes, Scriptures, God's design laws searching for answers and realize that the typical inflicted penalty view is wrong, that the punishment is the punishment sin brings when God no longer intervenes.

It is the goal of Come and Reason Ministries to help each person to develop the skill to work through such quotes so that when others come to you with such quotes you won't be stumped, but will be able to give a powerful evidence based response.

## SABBATH

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Read first paragraph, "It's easy to become..." What does it mean? Why does God hate sin? What does it mean that God hates evil?

It is like a doctor hating disease and wanting to destroy it, but does a doctor hate the sick patient or even the terminal patient? No! God hates none of His children, even those who have refused His healing, but He hates the disease which is killing them—sin and evil. And God hates it when His children refuse to let Him heal them!

Read second paragraph, "Holiness, however, is a crucial..." What is holiness? We use the term, but functionally what is it, what does it mean? How do you define it?

Here are 7 definitions from the dictionary of "holy," because holiness means something that is holy:

1. specially recognized as or declared sacred by religious use or authority; consecrated: *holy ground*.
2. dedicated or devoted to the service of God, the church, or religion: *a holy man*.
3. saintly; godly; pious; devout: *a holy life*.
4. having a spiritually pure quality: *a holy love*.
5. entitled to worship or veneration as or as if sacred: *a holy relic*.
6. religious: *holy rites*.
7. inspiring fear, awe, or grave distress: *The director, when angry, is a holy terror*.

As I see it only one of these definitions defines the core of true holiness, the rest of these are all open to counterfeits and can confuse us and obscure our understanding of true holiness:

1. specially recognized as or declared sacred by religious use or authority; consecrated: *holy ground*.
  - Can Satan worshippers declare certain temples, or worship sites to be holy and can such places be set aside for religious use? Does setting it aside for religious use make it holy?
2. dedicated or devoted to the service of God, the church, or religion: *a holy man*.
  - Can a cult priest or priestess be set aside for service to their god, church or religion? Does that make him or her holy?



3. saintly; godly; pious; devout: *a holy life*.
  - Can a person live a devout, pious and godly—defined by how the god that person worships functions—and burn people at the stake etc.? Does such a life mean a person is holy?
4. entitled to worship or veneration as or as if sacred: *a holy relic*.
  - If something is worshipped or considered worthy of veneration does that make it holy?
5. religious: *holy rites*.
  - Are religious rites holy because they are religious rites? Are there many religious rites that are actually evil because they obstruct the truth about God?
6. inspiring fear, awe, or grave distress: *The director, when angry, is a holy terror*.
  - Does the truth about God bring fear and grave distress—or is it sin which brings the distress. So, if a person is genuinely holy, will they have terror, dread and grave distress of God?

The only definition which, in my opinion, approximates true holiness is definition 4: having a spiritually pure quality: *a holy love*.

What is the core to this definition? Healthiness, being in harmony with God, His character, methods, design for life. This is what holiness means, restoration to God's original ideal and intent—ultimate total and eternal healthiness.

Does the idea of mental, spiritual and characterological healthiness demystify the concept of holiness?

Can we make ourselves spiritually healthy—i.e. holy? No! Can God? Yes!

Why is the holier-than-thou attitude so offensive? Because it is claiming that the sickness—pride—is actually what healthiness looks like! It would be like walking around with fever and chills and condemning those without fever and chills.

Read third paragraph, “God’s love and holiness...” Does any part of you recoil at this? Why? Because they are introducing a split in God’s character, a false idea and trying to make it sound good—it is the same process as the holier than thou attitude—trying to make something sick look like it is right.

The reason this happens is that they misunderstand God’s law as imposed, and misunderstand holiness as intolerance for breaking rules. They present God’s holiness as strict enforcement of rules that without God balancing it with love would be cruel.

The problem resolves when we come back to Design Law—life only exists and operates upon the design protocols God instituted when He built all reality—His law—which is an expression of love.



Thus, we cannot be reconciled to Him while being out of harmony with that design, any more than an organ can be transplanted into a host that is not compatible—why? Because the host (person dying of renal failure) doesn't want the organ—or because it simply does not possess the right traits to allow it to survive in the atmosphere of the host's body? We cannot survive in the atmosphere of heaven if we are not transformed and renewed in heart to be like God originally designed humankind in Adam to be. And we can only be healed by partaking of Jesus!

Love is holiness, which is healthiness, and there is no other way to live in God's universe. Not one aspect of God's law can be changed without destroying God's creation. Thus God is working through Christ to change the sinners who are out of harmony with God and His design so we can live in God's reality!

## SUNDAY

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Read first paragraph, "It's popular to emphasize..." Paragraphs like this sadden me, because it is evidence of how deeply the false law infection penetrates into every aspect of Christian thought.

They are actually trying to draw a contrast between God's love and His holiness—let's examine their concerns and investigate their claims.

They say God's holiness is connected with His name—what does this mean?

In the Bible what is the significance of a name? Why was Jacob's name changed to Israel? Because Jacob's character changed, thus his name changed. In the Bible name means character.

So, what then would it mean if God's holiness is connected with His name? That it is connected with His character, and His character is what? Love! So, consider this quote:

Christ declares the mission he had in coming to the earth. He says in his last public prayer, "O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. **And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it; that the love** wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them." [John 17:25, 26.] When Moses asked the Lord to show him his glory, the Lord said, "**I will make all my goodness pass before thee.**" [Exodus 33:19.] "And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, **The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious**, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty. . . . And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped." [Exodus 34:6-8.] When we are able to comprehend the character of God as did Moses, we too shall make haste to bow in adoration and praise. **Jesus contemplated nothing less than "that the love wherewith Thou hast love me"** [John 17:26.] should be in the hearts of his children, that they might impart the knowledge of God to others. {CE 75.1}



What is the name of God? It is His character and God is LOVE! So if God's holiness is tied up in His name, then it is tied up in His character of love!

The lesson states holiness describes purity and moral perfection—what is the standard of purity and moral perfection? God's character of love, which is manifested in His *living* law of love—the design protocols upon which life is built!

Consider these quotes:

**Christ came to our world to represent the character of God** as it is represented in His holy law, for **His law is a transcript of His character. Christ was both the law and the gospel...** {CTr 339.2} [If Christ was the law, what kind of law is it? It is living, functional, design law, not imposed rules!]

In setting aside the law of God, men know not what they are doing. **God's law is the transcript of His character. It embodies the principles of His kingdom.** He who refuses to accept these principles is **placing himself outside the channel where God's blessings flow.** {COL 305.3} [What kind of law is being described? What happens if we refuse His law? We place ourselves outside the channel where God's blessings flow—i.e. this is design law, it is like the hand cutting itself off from the body!]

So, what is the standard of purity and perfection? God's character of love which is evidenced in the living law of love! Again, no separation or division between holiness and love!

Holiness means being completely free from evil—what is evil at its core?

**Unselfishness, the principle of God's kingdom, is the principle that Satan hates;** its very existence he denies. **From the beginning of the great controversy he has endeavored to prove God's principles of action to be selfish,** and he deals in the same way with all who serve God. **To disprove Satan's claim is the work of Christ and of all who bear His name.** {Ed 154.3}

**All sin is selfishness.** Satan's first sin was a manifestation of selfishness. He sought to grasp power, to exalt self...**The sowing of seeds of selfishness in the human heart was the first result of the entrance of sin into the world.** {7MR 232.4}

God desires every one to understand the **evil of selfishness,** and to cooperate with Him in guarding the human family against its terrible, deceptive power. The design of the gospel is to confront this evil by means of remedial missionary work, and to destroy its destructive power **by establishing enterprises of benevolence.** {7MR 233.1}



**As a remedy for the terrible consequences into which selfishness led the human race, God gave His only begotten Son** to die for mankind. How could He have given more? In this gift He gave Himself. "I and My Father are one," said Christ. By the gift of His Son, God has made it possible for man to be redeemed, and restored to oneness with Him. {7MR 233.2}

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." **Love is the great principle that actuates unfallen beings.** With amazement the angels behold the indifference that those who have light and knowledge manifest toward a world unsaved. The heavenly host are filled with an intense desire to work through human agencies to restore in man the image of God. They are ready and waiting to do this work. The combined power of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost is pledged to uplift man from his fallen state. **Every attribute, every power, of divinity, has been placed at the command of those who unite with the Saviour in winning men to God.** Oh that all would appreciate the truth as it is in Jesus! **Oh that all would love God in return for the love wherewith He has loved them!** {7MR 233.3}

**Sin has extinguished the love that God placed in man's heart. The work of the church is to rekindle this love.** The church is to cooperate with God by uprooting selfishness from the human heart, placing in its stead the benevolence that was in man's heart in his original state of perfection. {7MR 234.1}

So what is evil? Selfishness, and what is the opposite of selfishness? Love, so again, there is no distinction between God's holiness and His character of love!

Do you think we rekindle love when we teach legal theologies or teach ideas that separate God's character of love from His holiness?

So what does it mean to be free from evil? To be free from selfishness, which means to love perfectly.

So, what then is holiness?

Read third paragraph, "His power is holy power..." Has God been presented by Christians in an unlovely and detestable way? How?

- By presenting His character as split—love and something else—every attribute of God's nature reveals in some way His character of love—there is never a separation
- By presenting God's law as human law, imposed rules and thus God as the imposer of punishments
- By presenting God as the source of evil, pain, suffering and death

Read fourth paragraph, "God's holiness means..." What does this mean? What does it not mean?



If they are saying there is no evil, sinfulness, selfishness in God, that God exists free of all sinfulness then this is absolutely true.

If, though, they mean that God is so holy that He will not tolerate sin in His presence and in fact cannot tolerate it, is such an idea true?

Where did sin begin? In heaven, with whom? Lucifer, and in whose presence did Lucifer dwell? After Adam and Eve sinned who sought them out and in whose presence did they find themselves? God's—so the idea that sin cannot occur in God's presence is disproved. The idea that sin cannot occur or exist in God's presence led to a theological construct that is quite wrong—the idea that God's holiness cannot exist in the presence of sin, so Jesus could not be born to a sinful woman, therefore Mary had to be sinless, which would mean several serious problems if true:

- God has a way to make humans holy without Jesus
- Jesus was not born part of the fallen human species but to a different human species that was not descended from Adam and fallen into sin
- Jesus doesn't know what it is like to be tempted in every way like us because He didn't partake of our humanity
- Jesus' work on earth would not have been able to eradicate the infection of sin, i.e. destroy the carnal nature, if He were born to a sinless mother
- The only purpose for His birth if born to a sinless mother would be to be executed in order to pay a legal payment and such an idea perpetuates the false human imposed law construct and distorts the character of God.

Fortunately, the idea that sin cannot occur in God's presence is false and the teaching that Mary was sinless is also false and we can rejoice that we have a Savior who was born part of this human species and fixed what Adam's sin did to it!

## MONDAY

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Read second paragraph, “Holiness is both...” What do you hear?

When you hear holiness is a command—what happens in your mind and heart? How is that concept heard and processed?

What law lens to you hear it through?

Does the tension evaporate if we substitute *holiness* with the word *healthiness*, where *healthiness* means spiritual healthiness?

God's command then is His plan, His prescription, His directions, His expectations and goals for us—perfect healing and restoration to Christlikeness—the question is how does this occur?



No man receives holiness as a birthright, or as a gift from any other human being. **Holiness is the gift of God through Christ.** Those who receive the Saviour become sons of God. They are His spiritual children, **born again, renewed in righteousness and true holiness. Their minds are changed.** With clearer vision they behold eternal realities. They are adopted into God's family, and **they become conformed to His likeness, changed by His Spirit from glory to glory.** From cherishing supreme love for self, they come to cherish supreme love for God and for Christ. . . . Accepting Christ as a personal Saviour, and following His example of self-denial--this is the secret of holiness. {AG 120.4}

What do you hear holiness is? It is transformation, rebirth, recreation, restoration, renewal, becoming in heart, mind, character like Jesus, having the law written on the heart, etc. etc. This is being restored to God's design for life, this is all design law, there is no imposed law, legal aspects to any of it!

The bottom paragraph states, "God's acceptance of each believer is perfect from the beginning; yet, our growth in sanctification is a lifelong process and always needs to be extended further so that we become more and more transformed into the unblemished image of Him who has saved us."

What do you hear this say?

Did the antediluvians have an advantage in sanctification because they lived longer? Do we only get sanctified by aging?

Or, when we think of sanctification as being the work of a lifetime, do we realize it is like eating—is eating the work of a lifetime? Why? Because our bodies need ongoing sustenance, not because we haven't matured. So too our minds and characters need daily sustenance, we may experience spiritual maturity here and now—consider Elijah, he achieved it much younger than the antediluvians, yet he still needed daily sustenance.

The green section states, "There is a tension between being holy and yet having to pursue holiness." Is there? How?

Is there a tension between being healthy and having to pursue healthiness?

## **TUESDAY**

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The Agent of Sanctification—who is this agent? It is the Holy Spirit—what is Jesus' role?

Jesus is the one who procured the Remedy to sin, the Holy Spirit is the one who applies it into our hearts and minds!

This is the two-phase aspect of salvation, the species being saved or set right or justified with God in the person of Jesus Christ, who simultaneously procured the remedy which heals all who partake. And



individuals being set right or justified with God when their hearts are changed from distrust to trust—then in trust—having been set right, their open hearts and experience the presence of the Holy Spirit who brings the achievements of Christ and applies them in the cooperative heart! This is the sanctification, which is an ongoing cooperative experience in the lives of those who trust God and keep their hearts open to Him.

We cannot heal or save ourselves and our works do not procure or provide the remedy. But we have the work of participating and internalizing all that Christ has achieved and making choices to follow His prescriptions.

### WEDNESDAY

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Read first paragraph, “We know that...” Do you agree that “the answer is found in the idea of holiness”?

Yes, *if* we understand the word holiness to mean *healthiness*. Why do we live in harmony with the laws of health? Because it is the only way to be healthy. Likewise, the only way to be spiritually healthy, whole, and experience the abundant life God wants for us is to live in harmony with His law, which is His construction protocols or design parameters for life!

So, what happens if we break God’s law—do we get in legal trouble with the heavenly judge, or do we damage ourselves and create barriers between us and God, which will eventually lead to our destruction?

Read third paragraph, “To live a spirit-filled...” I think there was some less than ideal word choices here when they said, “The law is never our way to salvation. Rather, it is the path of the saved.”

What is a path other than a way. I think it could have been more clear if stated like this—the law is not the remedy to our terminal state, but is the protocols upon which we live.

So, the laws of health cannot heal a person with a terminal disease—a remedy is needed, however, partaking of the remedy does not do away with the laws of health and if the terminal condition is cured, the healthy person, if they want to stay health, must live in harmony with the laws of health.

The last paragraph states, “While it is possible to keep the letter of the law without love, it is not possible to exhibit true love without keeping the law.”

This is true and well said, but can anyone give some practical examples of what this means?

Can a person live the true law of love without ever keeping the seventh-day Sabbath?



Can a person keep the seventh-day Sabbath without ever practicing the law of love? How about those who crucified Christ?

## **THURSDAY**

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First sentence states, “Holiness is the precondition for enjoying the happiness of fellowship with God.” Why?

What if we read, “Healthiness is the precondition...”? Does this make sense?

Can we enjoy fellowship with anyone if we are terminal and dying?

The beginning of the fifth paragraph states, “Activism is not holiness. There will be people who think that they have done great works for the Lord, and yet they really were not following him at all.”

What is the key? Is it the right rituals and rule keeping, or the right heart motive?

These are they that....

## **FRIDAY**

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First paragraph asks, “How do we even begin to grasp the holiness of God when our nature is fallen and corrupt and His is compromisingly holy?”

What about through nature and the life of Jesus?

Read and discuss the questions.



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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Thank you, all, ahead of time for your participation and help in this rather significant endeavor!

**Calendar:** Come and Reason now has a Calendar of Events on our Website. If you would like to know what is coming up or where Dr. J is speaking or who is teaching a particular week, check out the calendar.

**April 27-29:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the AACC Event The Struggle Is Real at the Thomas Road Baptist Church at Liberty University at Lynchburg, VA. For more info visit <http://lynchburg.cmhcs Summit.com/>

**May 6, 2017:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at Summit Northwest Ministries, Post Falls, Idaho: for more info visit: <http://www.summitnorthwest.org/>

**June 8-10, 2017:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the AACC Event The Struggle is Real in Naperville, IL.

**AUGUST 1, 2017:** Dr. Jennings' new book *The God-Shaped Heart* will be released by Baker Books. Here is a brief description:

Love is more than emotion, more than compassion, more than positive regard for another; love is power—the power to live, heal and be free. Love is functional, operational, with specific design parameters built into the fabric of reality. Love is intelligent and as we intelligently choose to harmonize with how love functions we not only experience greater health, fulfillment and wellbeing, we are transformed to become forces for good in the world. In *The God-Shaped Heart* Christian psychiatrist Dr. Tim Jennings explores the healing power of love, exposes a belief system infecting Christianity that obstructs love, and identifies eternal truths that open the heart to God's transforming power of love.

**September 15,16 2017:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the Church in the Valley, Aldergrove, British Columbia, Canada.

**October 12-16, 2017:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at Garden Grove SDA church in Garden Grove, CA. This will be a multi-speaker event focusing on the atonement. For more information contact:

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**October 27, 28, 2017:** Dr. Jennings will speaking at the Arlington SDA church in Arlington, TX. For more information contact: <http://www.arlingtonadventist.com/>