

The Book of Acts Lesson 6 3Q 2018 The Ministry of Peter

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Last we examined the evidence that the 10 Commandments were written on Sapphire (I recap that below):

10 Commandments Written on Sapphire:

Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰ and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself. Exodus 24:9, 10

Note two verses later:

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction." Exodus 24:12

Literal reading, "Tablets of THE stone..."

What stone, the only stone referenced in the text, which was two verses before, the sapphire stone.

Now, note Numbers 15:37-39:

Again the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ³⁸ "Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners. ³⁹ And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the Lord and do them...

What was the thread to remind them of? God's commandments! and Why blue thread? Because the 10 Commandments were written on Sapphire, blue stone!

The Harlot of Revelation:

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, ² with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

³ So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast *which was* full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. ⁴ **The**

woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. ⁵ And on her forehead a name was written:

MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Rev 17:1-5

The Harlot of Revelation is adorned in Purple, Scarlet and Gold:

The High Priest of God:

Wore four colors:

"They shall take the gold, <u>blue</u>, purple, and scarlet thread, and the fine linen, and they shall make the ephod of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, artistically worked. Exodus 28: 5,6

What color does the Harlot **not** have? Blue—which means the false church rejects the law of God, which means they reject the law of love, design law and have imposed law instead.

The High Priest wore a breast plate with 12 stones—what did that represent? The peoples of the earth tied to the High Priest's heart—and what was used to tie this symbol of the people of the earth to the High Priest's heart?

They shall bind the breastplate by means of its rings to the rings of the ephod, using a blue cord, so that it is above the intricately woven band of the ephod, and so that the breastplate does not come loose from the ephod. Exodus 28:28

And what does the blue cord represent? **The law of love!** God's law of love is what binds us to Him, only His design does this.

From the book *Desire of Ages*:

The yoke that binds to service is the law of God. The great law of love revealed in Eden, proclaimed upon Sinai, and in the new covenant written in the heart, is that which binds the human worker to the will of God. {DA 329.3}

The false religions of the world, including false Christianity deny God's design law of love; they don't deny the 10 Commandments but they replace the 10 Commandments with an imposed view of the law—rules enacted and enforced by a ruling authority. Thus, they teach religious obligations,





ceremonies, rituals, at the expense of loving people. Thus, they are represented by the Harlot with no blue thread.

After class last week Karin Covi told me she had a conversation with someone who told her that the woman with the long-standing bleeding problem who touched the hem of Christ's garment, that what she actually touched was the tassel on the hem with the blue thread in it.

We read earlier that the Israelites were to make tassels with blue thread in them to remind them of the law of God...interestingly, in the text in Matthew 9:20 that describes the woman with the issue of blood who touched the hem of Christ's garment and was healed—the Greek word is:

κράσπεδον kraspedon; of unc. or.; a border, tassel:—fringe(4), tassels(1).

So, it is likely that she touched the tassel with the blue thread, symbolic of God's law of love, which is the basis of life and was healed—as she symbolically connected back to the source of that life.

And I received an email from an online listener, Eric Sugaski who said he agrees the **first** set of the 10 Commandments were most likely written on sapphire, but Moses broke that set and God instructed Moses to chisel out stone for the second set:

The Lord said to Moses, "Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke... So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the Lord had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. Ex 34:1,4

So, the second set were most likely not on sapphire. Was there anything else different about the second set of 10 commandments besides not being on sapphire?

The first set, on sapphire from God's throne, had the Sabbath as a memorial to creation—in other words, design law, worship Him who made the heavens sea and earth. Design law is the law that is the pure representation of God's government. The second set had the Sabbath as a memorial to deliverance from slavery—level one thinking, recognize I am powerful. It was written on a different stone—because power isn't the most pure representation of God's government.

God attempted to give them His law at level 7, design law thinking, thus written on sapphire. But they couldn't comprehend the truth about God and his law, so God met them where they were and allowed them to view him through their distorted human law lens and thus the law was written on stone cut by Moses, likely granite or something else similar.

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¹ Thomas, R. L. (1998). *New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : updated edition*. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

Not only was the stone not the stone from God's throne, but it was cut by Moses and not by God, symbolically demonstrating how they viewed God's law: they viewed it as God's directives combined with human effort, i.e. a system of imposed rules and human compliance. Thus they said, "All the Lord as said we will do."

Today, God is waiting for a group of people to take the true message of His character, law, and government to the world calling people back to worship Him who made the heavens, earth and waters.

SABBATH

The second paragraph states, "The conversion of Gentiles was the most controversial issue in the apostolic church."

What are your thoughts about this idea?

I think this is related to the most controversial issue, a consequence of the most controversial issue—or maybe just saying it differently. But I would say the most controversial issue was that the Jews, the genetic descendants of Abraham were in the same boat as the rest of the world, suffering with the same condition and in need of the same remedy. In other words, the Jews did not have a special path to heaven distinct from the rest of the world.

This remains a controversial issue today as many Christians think the genetic descendants of Abraham somehow don't suffer the same problem and don't need the same solution—or that they have another avenue of salvation than the rest of humanity.

The Jews always thought of themselves as have some special relationship with God because of genetics. Jesus confronted the leaders on this repeatedly. John 8:34-44:

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word. ³⁸ I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you do what you have heard from your father." ³⁹ "Abraham is our father," they answered.

"If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did. 40 As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. 41 You are doing the things your own father does."

"We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself."

42 Jesus said to them, "**If God were your Father, you would love me**, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. 43 Why is my language not clear



to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

What made someone a child of Abraham?

Paul puts this nicely in Romans 2:28,29:

A man is not a Jew if he is only one outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. ²⁹ No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a man's praise is not from men, but from God.

The Apostles struggled with this bias as well.

This bias not only a genetic bias, but transcended into their belief systems, traditions and rituals causing them to form a mindset that living like a Jew was what constituting being right with God. Thus, conversion was about being physically circumcised, dressing differently, eating differently, etc. it became very behaviorally focused—still an outworking of the basic misunderstanding of God's law that they had right at Sinai.

So, the biggest controversy, in my view was to see reality as it is, that the entire human race suffers from the same condition of being out of harmony with God and His design law for life; and God, through Christ provides the remedy for all human beings. And that remedy would transform the minds and hearts of all who trust God by removing fear and selfishness and restoring love. The Jews were simply God's agents to help spread the truth about God, the sin problem and God's solution for it.

Do we struggle with similar problems today? First, do we as Christians think the genetic Jews have some different sin-problem and need a different sin-solution? Do we believe they have some different avenue for salvation?

Second, do we ever think we are special if we belong to the right denomination, perform the right rituals, avoid work on the right day? Do we ever think that our being set right with God is based on what we do?

Does this mean what we do has no bearing on being right with God?

Think about it this way—you ingested a poison that is slowly killing you, a physician gives you a free antidote that will cure you if you take it. You take the antidote, you experience a change, you feel better, the symptoms are going away...are you the one who developed and provided the antidote? Have your efforts or works healed yourself? But, having taking the antidote, does that mean your choices have no bearing on whether you re-ingest the poison or not?

SUNDAY

Read first paragraph, "Peter was visiting..." What do you understand the paragraph to be saying? What was Peter doing?

Let's read Acts 2:42: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

Now the word doctrine can mean something that is taught, or teachings. So, in the most basic sense any teaching is doctrine. However, when you think about doctrine what kind of teaching comes to mind? Does this word, doctrine, lead us more to think of "indoctrination?"

Do you think of teaching doctrine in the following settings:

- A nutritionist is teaching a person how to make healthy meals, would you say the nutritionist is giving the person doctrinal instruction?
- A tennis instructor is teaching a student how to serve, would you say the instructor is giving the student doctrinal instructions?
- A physical therapist is teaching a patient the exercises to strengthen a muscle group would you say the therapist is giving doctrinal instructions?

The word *doctrine* in its purist definition, that of being any teaching, could be used this way, but is this how we typically think of doctrinal instruction?

How do we typically think of doctrinal instruction?

Don't we typically think of teaching a system of creeds, religious rules, fundamental beliefs?

Do you think Peter was primarily teaching them a creed, a list of religious rules, or was Peter teaching them about reality and how God's reality works?

Consider 1Peter 1:13-15:

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

Does this sound like memorizing the right fundamental beliefs, or instructions on how to actually live one's life?

Why is this an important distinction to make? Because if our beliefs don't have real world application that bring transformation to the life, there is something wrong with the belief.

I have many patients in marriages in which they struggle. Often there is marked fear and insecurity. Fear of rejection, fear of not being loved, fear of the spouse finding someone else more attractive. This fear is driven by a personal sense of inadequacy, but it often comes out in suspicion, accusation, monitoring. "You don't think I am pretty, do you?" "You think I am fat" "You don't really want to be married to me, do you?" "I saw you looking at that other person."

It can even become violent, all the while the accusing attacking person claims to love the other person.

What is the root problem? Fear and selfishness in the heart have not been replaced by love and trust—which is known as what in Bible terms? Conversion!

Since we are talking about Peter today, let's consider Peter in the upper room with Jesus. Jesus just told the disciples that they were all going to run away. What did Peter say? "Not me Lord!"

Was Peter lying? Or was Peter being 100% sincere and would have passed a lie detector at that moment?

Then, since he was not lying does that mean Jesus could trust Peter? Why not?

Did Peter love Jesus? Yes, but, and here is the critical issue—he still loved himself more! Thus, when Peter's life was threatened he denied Jesus to protect himself. So, Jesus said to Peter:

But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren... Lk 22:32 KJV

The problem with doctrinal instructions today is that many people are given false doctrinal instruction. They are told that sin is doing bad deeds, which gets you in legal trouble with the heavenly administration, which puts you on death row, and conversion means to accept the legal payment of Jesus to the heavenly administration so in the record books of heaven your name can be moved from the rolls of the condemned to the rolls of the legally pardoned.

Many people pray the sinner's prayer, asking Jesus to take their sins, accepting His payment, and claiming legal pardon and then claiming they are converted to Jesus—but what they have been converted to is a false ideology that doesn't require the death to self. Therefore, fear and selfishness still live in the heart and they treat their spouses with the same self-centered approach.

Real conversion is what Peter experienced after his denial when he wept bitterly, and died to self. Just like David after Nathan confronted him, Jacob's night wrestling with the angel, Saul after Damascus road.

This is the valley of the shadow of death that our heavenly Shepherd leads us through for the restoring of our soul and the magnification of His character/name. The valley where we face the infection of



selfishness in us and it feels as if we are going to die as we surrender completely to our Savior.

The lesson points out that the Apostles performed many miracles, yet it was God actually performing them, then asks the following in the green section at the bottom:

Some people think that if only they could see a real miracle, such as what happened here, then they would believe. And though at times miracles helped lead some people to faith, the Bible is filled with stories of those who saw miracles and still didn't believe. On what, then, should our faith be based?

What is faith and upon what should we base our faith?

Dictionary definition of faith:

- 1. confidence or trust in a person or thing:
- 2. belief that is not based on proof:
- 3. belief in God or in the doctrines or teachings of religion:
- 4. belief in anything, as a code of ethics, standards of merit, etc.: to be of the same faith with someone concerning honesty.
- 5. a system of religious belief: the Christian faith; the Jewish faith.
- 6. the obligation of loyalty or fidelity to a person, promise, engagement, etc: Failure to appear would be breaking faith.
- 7. the observance of this obligation; fidelity to one's promise, oath, allegiance, etc.: He was the onl y one who proved his faith during our recent troubles.
- 8. *Christian Theology*. the trust in God and in His promises as made through Christ and the Scriptures by which humans are justified or saved.

When we speak of our faith in God do we mean all of these? Which apply?

Don't we mean #1 and that the one we trust is God and #8 is summing this up? The rest are not what the Bible means, #3 is just believing in God's existence, but the devils believe and tremble. This is not Biblical faith.

Do you know the most common way most people, including religious people, understand faith is number 2, belief not based on proof or evidence?

Is this Bible faith, to believe without evidence?

In the warfare between Christ and Satan how much truth is on God's side and how much truth is on Satan's side?

Satan has zero truth and all truth is on God's side. So, who in this war, wants us to believe, trust, have faith without evidence? The liar, the one with no truth.

Thus, the idea that faith in God is without evidence is a lie and leads people to believe all kinds of non-sense and does NOT lead them to an abiding love and trust relationship with God.

This is why the Bible says, "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." John 17:3

Notice, eternal life is knowing God, why? What is required for trust of a person? That they are trustworthy AND that you personally know them to know you can trust them.

Is trusting a trustworthy person you know with or without evidence?

So, upon what should our faith be based? The overwhelming and abundant evidence that God has given us of both His existence and His absolute trustworthiness. And where can we find this evidence?

- Scripture
- Science/Nature
- Experience

MONDAY

Read second paragraph, "It is important..." How can we know that the vision wasn't about removing the distinction between clean and unclean meats?

Because of design law—the laws of health. We are free to eat anything we want without ceremonial uncleanliness, but we are not free to eat anything we want and experience the same health consequences.

Read third paragraph, "The vision was explicitly..." Was Peter fully converted when this event took place? Had Peter been filled with the Holy Spirit on Pentecost? What does it mean then, that an inspired follower of Jesus, especially empowered by the Holy Spirit could struggle with something like this?

Does it give insight into how God and the Holy Spirit work?

Did Peter have ideas, attitudes, and beliefs that he held for many years before coming to Jesus? Did accepting Jesus mean an immediate erasure of all false beliefs? Why not?

What would happen to a person's individuality if they had their beliefs, memories, perspectives changed without their willful choice to change them?

So, the first point to learn from this is how God's methods of healing people work. God's methods require the freewill participation of the one being healed; errors are only removed as we evaluate the evidence, with the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and choose to replace false ideas with new ones.

This is the only method to change a sentient being while retaining their unique individuality. That is why Paul wrote, "let every person be fully persuaded in their own mind." Rom 14:5

The second point to note from this is: Even God's Apostles and prophets can hold wrong ideas and need correcting. Thus, we are never to surrender our thinking to any other person, including a prophet of God.

Third point: A prophet of God can grow and change their position on points of doctrine, like this one, and it is NOT evidence of lack of inspiration, but evidence of the Spirit of truth leading them into greater truth!

Thus many SDAs need to reevaluate their mindset, beliefs, approach, and attitude toward how they understand the writings of EG White.

TUESDAY

The first paragraph points out that many of the Jewish converts to Christianity thought that Gentiles had to first be converted to Judaism before they could become Christian.

Do we struggle with any such concerns today about what it means to be a Christian and that people have to do certain rituals, or join certain organizations before they can be considered a Christian?

What about being a Jew today—according to the New Testament what constitutes being a Jew today—a modern day descendant of Abraham?

¹³It was not because Abraham kept a certain set of rules or practiced certain rituals that he and his descendants (those who are like Abraham in character–not in genetics) were promised to inherit the earth, but because of Christlike motives and methods that are endowed to them through trust in God. ¹⁴For if it were possible to develop perfect motives, methods and principles by performing rituals or following a certain code, then there would be no need to trust God for his healing power in our lives, and his promised inheritance would be meaningless. ¹⁵The written law or code simply exposes the extent of our sickness of mind and heart which, if not cured, results in death. If it weren't for the written law, we wouldn't even know how sick we are, for without some standard of health to measure by, no defect could be diagnosed.

¹⁶Therefore the restoration to a perfect state of being and the inheritance of eternal life on a renewed earth come by trusting the One who made the promise to do it. This transformation is accomplished by God's graciousness and is guaranteed to all the children of Abraham—not only his genetic descendants who were given the written diagnostic code, but also to his spiritual descendants, who—just like him—trust God. Abraham is the father of all who trust God. ¹⁷As it is written: "I have made you the father of many different ethnic groups." The God in whom Abraham trusted—the Creator God who is the source of all life and who calls things into



existence from nothingness—considers all of us who trust him to be descendants of Abraham. Roman 4:13-17 *The Remedy*

WEDNESDAY

The lesson points out that it was at Antioch that followers of Jesus were first called Christians, and likely as a derogatory name, but they quickly adopted it.

Then the lesson asks at the bottom of the page, "What does it mean to you to be called a 'Christian'? What about your life is truly Christian? That is, how differently do you live from non-Christians in the things that really matter?"

What do you say?

- Don't smoke or use illegal drugs?
- No alcohol or just no drunkenness?
- Vegetarian diet or Kosher or eat anything because we are free in Christ?
- How about dress—any dress requirements to being Christian?
- What about going to church? Is church attendance what it means? And if so, does the denomination matter? How about regularly fellowship with believers in someone's home?
- What about observing religious holidays or weekly Sabbath, is this what it means to be a Christian?
- What about partaking communion, foot washing, or other ceremonies?
- What about being honest, kind, patient, loyal, faithful, forgiving, generous, helpful, refusing to slander, refusing to gossip, ministering to less fortunate?

When John Wesley was asked what made a Methodist he answered:

"What then is the mark? Who is a Methodist, according to your own account?" I answer: A Methodist is one who has "the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost given unto him;" one who "loves the Lord his God with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his mind, and with all his strength. God is the joy of his heart, and the desire of his soul; which is constantly crying out, "Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee! My God and my all! Thou art the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever!"

If any man say, "Why, these are only the common fundamental principles of Christianity!" thou hast said; so I mean; this is the very truth; I know they are no other; and I would to God both thou and all men knew, that I, and all who follow my judgment, do vehemently refuse to be distinguished from other men, by any but the common principles of Christianity, -- the plain, old Christianity that I teach, renouncing and detesting all other marks of distinction. <u>And whosoever is</u> what I preach, (let him be called what he will, for names change not the nature of things,) he is a Christian, not in name only,



but in heart and in life. **He is inwardly and outwardly conformed to the will of God**, as revealed in the written word. He thinks, speaks, and lives, according to the method laid down in the revelation of Jesus Christ. **His soul is renewed after the image of God**, in righteousness and in all true holiness. And **having the mind that was in Christ, he so walks as Christ also walked**.

Wow—what do you think of what John Wesley wrote? A true Christian is one who is like Christ in heart and mind—renewed in the inner man. This is the healing remedy, design law, not imposed law legal adjustment.

Do you agree or disagree?

I have heard that many Muslims have a different view of what a Christian is—it has been reported many Muslims often think of a Christian as someone who claims the Bible, but:

- goes to church on Sunday
- eats pork
- drinks alcohol
- hates Muslims

Are these marks of a Christian? Are any of these marks that prove a person is not a Christian? Yes, hates Muslims—hating our fellow human beings is a mark of not being a Christian. The other three are not evidences either way.

But, I have heard some SDAs say that when talking with Muslims don't say you are a Christian, because they will put you in that category of not following the Bible drinking alcohol, eating pork and going to church on Sunday—instead, it is recommended that you tell them you are an Adventist who goes to church on Saturday, doesn't drink alcohol and doesn't eat pork and often they will say, "You are a follower of the book."

Even if this is true, why is it sad?

Can a person go to church on Saturday, not drink alcohol, not eat pork and still have such selfishness and evil in their hearts that they will crucify Jesus and want Him off the Cross by sunset?

Such external focus makes one vulnerable to miss what really matters and what really matters is character, being like Jesus in heart, just as Wesley said!

THURSDAY

The lesson talks about Herod's execution of James, read second paragraph, "The King Herod..." thoughts?

Why was James killed, was it merely theological or the mixture of theology and politics?

Read last paragraph, "Next, we find..." thoughts?

What do you hear? Are they saying that God used His power to kill Herod as punishment for sin?

Let's read the Bible:

On the appointed day Herod, wearing his royal robes, sat on his throne and delivered a public address to the people. ²² They shouted, "This is the voice of a god, not of a man." ²³ Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died. Acts 12:21-23

What are the problems with this view?

- What is the punishment for sin—sleep death or eternal death?
- When is the punishment for sin to be experienced, before or after the Great White Thone Judgment?

So, even if God did strike him down, was it punishment for sin, or putting him to sleep?

But the Bible said the angel of the Lord struck him down, so it must be this way right?

Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword and run me through, or these uncircumcised fellows will come and abuse me."

But his armor-bearer was terrified and would not do it; **so Saul took his own sword and fell on it.** ⁵ When the armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he too fell on his sword and died. ⁶ So Saul and his three sons died, and all his house died together. 1Chron 10:4-6

How did Saul die?

Notice, the same chapter a few verses later, what the Bible says:

Saul died **because he was unfaithful to the Lord**; he did not keep the word of the Lord and even consulted a medium for guidance, ¹⁴ and did not inquire of the Lord. **So the Lord put him to death** and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse. 1Chron 10:13,14

Could one read this and conclude, that because Saul was unfaithful to the Lord that he died because of divine judgment?

Is 1Chronicles that says "the Lord put him to death" inspired by the Holy Spirit? The same Holy Spirit that inspired the book of Acts?

Was there a certain convention of thought in the Jewish mind that if God permitted something to happen then it was considered an act of God or the will of God.

Could the writer of Acts use a similar convention?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Check our website for new chapters of *The Remedy* the Psalms will be going up slowly as they are completed and edited. When an entire book of the Old Testament is complete then it will be added to the app and when you update the app you will get the new book. Thank you for your prayers and support as I work on this project.

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September 14,15, 2018: Dr. Jennings will be Keynote Speaker at Crossroads Community Church in Georgetown, Delaware.

September 27-29, 2018: Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the Mega National Conference of the American Association of Christian Counselors in Dallas, TX

September 30-Oct 2, 2018: Dr. Jennings will be speaking at NAD of SDA Mental Health Education retreat for pastors at Kettering, OH.

October 19, 20, 2018: Dr. Jennings will be doing a seminar at Camelback SDA church, in Phoenix, AZ.

November 9,10 2018: Dr. Jennings will be doing two presentations at Houston, TX, in conjunction with the AACC

December 1, 2018: Dr. Jennings will be doing an Aging Brain seminar in Dallas, TX. Organized by the Arlington SDA church.

January 4-6, 2019: Dr. Jennings will be speaking for the Florida Conference of SDA Women's Convention in Orlando, FL.

February 2-3, 2019: Dr. Jennings will be speaking Christ's Church of Oronogo, MO.

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