

# Heavenly Intelligences

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**Divine ministration is needed to give power and efficiency** to the church in this world. **God's family on earth**, subject to temptations and trials, is very near to His heart of love. **He has ordained that communication be kept up between heavenly intelligences and His children on this earth.** Angels from the courts above are **sent forth to minister** to those who shall be heirs of salvation (Manuscript 142, 1899). 7BC 922.4

**The Lord gives to every angel his work** for this fallen world. **Divine help is provided** for men and women. They have the opportunity of **cooperating with the heavenly intelligences**, of **being laborers together with God.** There is placed before them the possibility of gaining a fitness for the presence of God, of being enabled to see His face. **Heavenly angels are working to bring the human family into a close brotherhood, a oneness described by Christ as like that existing between the Father and the Son.** How can men so highly favored by God fail to appreciate their opportunities and privileges? How can they refuse to accept the divine help proffered? How much it is possible for human beings to gain if they will keep eternity in view! 7BC 923.4

In this speck of a world the whole heavenly universe manifests the greatest interest, for Christ has paid an infinite price for the souls of its inhabitants. **The world's Redeemer has bound earth to heaven by ties of intelligence, for the redeemed of the Lord are here. Heavenly beings still visit the earth as in the days when they walked and talked with Abraham and with Moses.** Amid the busy activity of our great cities, amid the multitudes that crowd the thoroughfares and fill the marts of trade where from morning till evening the people act as if business and sport and pleasure were all there is to life, where there are so few to contemplate unseen realities—even here **heaven has still its watchers and its holy ones. There are invisible agencies observing every word and deed of human beings. In every assembly for business or pleasure, in every gathering for worship, there are more listeners than can be seen with the natural sight. Sometimes the heavenly intelligences draw aside the curtain which hides the unseen world that our thoughts may be withdrawn from the hurry and rush of life to consider that there are unseen witnesses to all we do or say.** COL 176.2

We need to understand better than we do the mission of the angel visitants. It would be well to consider that in all our work we have the co-operation and care of heavenly beings. Invisible armies of light and power attend the meek and lowly ones who believe and claim the promises of God. Cherubim and seraphim and angels that excel in strength—ten thousand times ten thousand

and thousands of thousands—stand at His right hand, “all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.” Hebrews 1:14. COL 176.3

By these angel messengers a faithful record is kept of the words and deeds of the children of men. Every act of cruelty or injustice toward God's people, all they are caused to suffer through the power of evil workers, is registered in heaven. COL 177.1

To praise God in fullness and sincerity of heart is as much a duty as is prayer. **We are to show to the world and to all the heavenly intelligences that we appreciate the wonderful love of God for fallen humanity and that we are expecting larger and yet larger blessings from His infinite fullness.** Far more than we do, we need to speak of the precious chapters in our experience. After a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, our joy in the Lord and our efficiency in His service would be greatly increased by recounting His goodness and His wonderful works in behalf of His children. COL 299.3

**The heavenly intelligences will work with the human agent who seeks with determined faith that perfection of character which will reach out to perfection in action.** To everyone engaged in this work Christ says, I am at your right hand to help you. COL 332.4

The love of our heavenly Father in the gift of his only begotten Son to the world, is enough to inspire every soul, to melt every hard, loveless heart into contrition and tenderness; and yet **shall heavenly intelligences see in those for whom Christ died, insensibility to his love, hardness of heart, and no response of gratitude and affection to the Giver of all good things?** Shall affairs of minor importance absorb the whole power of the being, and the love of God meet no return? Shall the Sun of Righteousness shine in vain? In view of what God has done, could his claims be less upon you? CE 96.1

A spirit of criticism and bitterness has come into the church, and the spiritual discernment of many has been dimmed. Because of this the cause of Christ has suffered great loss. **Heavenly intelligences have been waiting to co-operate with human agencies, but we have not discerned their presence.** 6T 296.3

**It is not the power that emanates from men that makes the work successful, it is the power of the heavenly intelligences working with the human agent that brings the work to perfection.** A Paul may plant, and an Apollos may water, but it is God that giveth the increase. Man cannot do God's part of the work. **As a human agent he may cooperate with the divine intelligences, and in simplicity and meekness do his best, realizing that God is the great Master Workman.** Although the workmen may be buried, the work will not cease, but it will go on to completion.—The Review and Herald, November 14, 1893. ChS 260.3

**Heavenly intelligences are waiting to co-operate with human instrumentalities, that they may reveal to the world what human beings may become and what, through their influence, they may accomplish for the saving of souls that are ready to perish.** Christ calls upon us to labor patiently and perseveringly for the thousands perishing in their sins, scattered in

all lands, like wrecks on a desert shore. Those who share in Christ's glory must share also in His ministry, helping the weak, the wretched, and the despondent. Testimonies for the Church 9:30, 31 CCh 59.5

As the children sang in the temple courts, “Hosanna; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord,” Mark 11:9, so in these last days children's voices will be raised to give the last message of warning to a perishing world. **When heavenly intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present the truth, the Spirit of God will come upon the children, and they will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which the older workers cannot do, because their way will be hedged up.** CCh 210.4

Oh, that we could all realize the **nearness** of heaven to earth! When the earthborn children know it not, they have **angels of light as their companions**. A **silent witness guards every soul that lives, seeking to draw that soul to Christ**. As long as there is hope, until **men resist the Holy Spirit** to their eternal ruin, they are **guarded by heavenly intelligences**. Let us all bear in mind that **in every assembly of the saints below are angels of God, listening** to the testimonies, songs, and prayers. Let us remember that **our praises are supplemented by the choirs of the angelic host above.** CCh 241.1

I feel sad to see so few that have any real burden for their fellow men who are in darkness. Let not any truly converted soul settle down as a careless idler in the Master's vineyard. All power is given to Christ, in heaven and in earth, and He will impart strength to His followers for the great work of drawing men to Himself. **He is constantly urging His human instrumentalities** on their Heaven-appointed ways, in all the world, promising to be always with them. **Heavenly intelligences—“ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands” (Revelation 5:11)—are sent as messengers to the world, to unite with human agencies for the salvation of souls.** Why does not our faith in the great truths that we bear, kindle a burning ardor upon the altar of our hearts? Why, I ask, in view of the greatness of these truths, are not all who profess to believe them inspired with missionary zeal, a zeal that must come to all who are laborers together with God? CH 32.2

Faith in Christ as a personal Saviour will give strength and solidity to the character. Those who have genuine faith in Christ will be sober-minded, remembering that **God's eye is upon them, that the Judge of all men is weighing moral worth, that heavenly intelligences are watching to see what manner of character is being developed.** CT 223.1

**Many times young men for whom heavenly intelligences have been waiting in order to number them as missionaries for God are drawn into the gatherings for amusement, and are carried away with Satan's fascinations.** Instead of being afraid to continue their association with girls whose depth of mind is easily measured, whose character is of a cheap order, they become enamored of them and enter into an engagement. Satan knows that if these young men enter into an engagement with cheap-minded, pleasure-loving, worldly-minded, irreligious young women, they will bind themselves to stumbling blocks. Their usefulness will

be largely crippled, if not utterly destroyed. Even if the young men themselves succeed in making an unreserved surrender to God, yet they will find that they are greatly crippled by being bound to an untrained, undisciplined, un-Christlike wife who is dead to God, dead to piety, and dead to true holiness. Their lives will prove unsatisfying and unhappy. CT 344.3

What a fraud is that education obtained in literary or scientific lines, if it must be stripped from the learner before he is counted worthy to **enter upon that life which measures with the life of God**, himself saved as by fire. God has given us a probation in which to prepare for the school above. For this the youth are here to be educated, disciplined, and trained. In the lower school of earth they are to form characters that God can approve. **They are to receive a training, not in the customs and amusements of worldly society, but in Christ's lines, a training that will fit them to be colaborers with heavenly intelligences.** The studies given the youth should be of a character to make them more successful in the service of God, to enable them to follow in the footsteps of Christ and to maintain the great principles that He maintained. Our standard is to be the character of Him who is pure, holy, undefiled.... CT 392.3

“Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 3:11. “Upon this rock,” said Jesus, “I will build My church.” **In the presence of God, and all the heavenly intelligences, in the presence of the unseen army of hell, Christ founded His church upon the living Rock.** That Rock is Himself,—His own body, for us broken and bruised. Against the church built upon this foundation, the gates of hell shall not prevail. DA 413.2

Before honor is humility. To fill a high place before men, Heaven chooses the worker who, like John the Baptist, takes a lowly place before God. The most childlike disciple is the most efficient in labor for God. **The heavenly intelligences can co-operate with him who is seeking, not to exalt self, but to save souls.** He who feels most deeply his need of divine aid will plead for it; and the Holy Spirit will give unto him glimpses of Jesus that will strengthen and uplift the soul. From communion with Christ he will go forth to work for those who are perishing in their sins. He is anointed for his mission; and he succeeds where many of the learned and intellectually wise would fail. DA 436.3

Jesus says, “**My Father which is in heaven,**” as reminding His disciples that while **by His humanity He is linked with them**, a sharer in their trials, and sympathizing with them in their sufferings, **by His divinity He is connected with the throne** of the Infinite. Wonderful assurance! **The heavenly intelligences unite with men in sympathy and labor for the saving of that which was lost.** And **all the power of heaven is brought to combine** with human ability in drawing souls to Christ. DA 442.3

Almost unconsciously barriers have been erected in the strait and narrow way; stones of stumbling have been placed in the path; these will all be rolled away. The safeguards which false shepherds have thrown around their flocks will become as nought; thousands will step out into the light, and work to spread the light. **Heavenly intelligences will combine with the human agencies. Thus encouraged,** the church will indeed arise and shine, throwing all her sanctified

energies into the contest; thus the design of God is accomplished; the lost pearls are recovered. Ev 692.4

...The Son of God alone can do the great work of illuminating the soul. No wonder Paul exclaims, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." **The gospel of Christ becomes personality in those who believe, and makes them living epistles, known and read of all men. In this way** the leaven of godliness passes into the multitude. **The heavenly intelligences are able to discern the true elements of greatness in character**; for only goodness is esteemed as efficiency with God. FE 199.2

...**Under the appropriate symbol of an angel flying through the midst of heaven is represented the work of the people of God. In this work heavenly intelligences co-operate with human agencies in extending the last message to the inhabitants of the world.** But the plans and work of men are not keeping pace with the providence of God; for while some in these countries who claim to believe the truth declare by their attitude, "We want not Thy way, O Lord, but our own way," there are many who are pleading with God that they may understand what is truth. **In secret places they are weeping and praying that they may see light in the Scriptures; and the Lord of heaven has commissioned His angels to co-operate with human agencies in carrying forward His vast design, that all who desire light may behold the glory of God.** We are to follow where God's providence opens the way; and as we advance, we shall find that Heaven has moved before us, enlarging the field for labor far beyond the proportion of our means and ability to supply... FE 208.2

...**Every agent who co-operates with the heavenly intelligences will be endued with power from on high, and represent the character of Christ.** The missionary spirit enables us to appreciate more fully the words of the Lord's prayer, when He directs us to pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." The missionary spirit broadens our thoughts, and brings us into union with all who have a comprehension of the expanding influence of the Holy Spirit. FE 209.1

God has begun to work in this country, and **the church must unite with heavenly intelligences, manifesting holy activity, and by exercising their powers become more efficient to save souls and glorify God.** We who have seen the light of truth, are called upon to aid in its advancement, to waken to the large responsibility of the missionary work to be accomplished in our borders; and it is the duty of every soul to co-operate with those who would advance the work... Supplement to The Bible Echo, September 1, 1892. FE 211.2

**He has given the Holy Spirit, and endowed us richly with everything essential to our perfection. But these advantages are not acknowledged, and we overlook our privileges and opportunities, and fail to co-operate with the heavenly intelligences, and thus fail to become noble, intelligent workers for God.** Those to whom their own way looks more attractive than

does the way of the Lord, cannot be used in His service, for they would misrepresent the character of Christ, and lead souls away from acceptable service to God. FE 218.2

**That which is given to the world should be seen in the lives of Christians, so that in education and in self-training the heavenly intelligences should not record in the books that the students and the teachers in our schools are “lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.”** This is the record now being made of a large number. “Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.” Thus Satan and his angels are laying their snares for your souls, and he is working in a certain way upon teachers and pupils to induce them to engage in exercises and amusements which become intensely absorbing, but which are of a character to strengthen the lower powers, and create appetites and passions that will take the lead, and counteract most decidedly the operations and working of the Holy Spirit of God upon the human heart. FE 220.1

There is need of each one in every school and in every institution, being, as was Daniel, in such close connection with the Source of all wisdom, that **his prayers will enable him to reach the highest standard of his duties in every line, that he may be able to fulfill his scholastic requirements not only under able teachers, but also under the supervision of heavenly intelligences, knowing that the All-seeing, the Ever-sleepless Eye was upon him.** The love and fear of God was before Daniel, and he educated and trained all his powers to respond as far as possible to the loving care of the Great Teacher, conscious of his amenability to God. The four Hebrew children would not allow selfish motives and love of amusements to occupy the golden moments of this life. They worked with a willing heart and ready mind. This is no higher standard than every Christian may attain. God requires of every Christian scholar more than has been given him. Ye are “a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.”—Special Testimonies On Education, October, 1893. FE 230.2

...If one pupil is reckless, and indulges an excessive love of amusements, he should bring himself under the control of principle, lest he may **become a working agent for Satan, to counteract**, by his wrong influence, the **work which teachers** are trying to do, and mar that which **heavenly intelligences are seeking to accomplish** through human agents. He may frustrate the design of God, and fail to accept Christ and to become indeed a son of God. FE 245.3

...They will put every jot of their influence on the side of **God**, on the side of **Christ**, and on the side of **heavenly intelligences**... FE 292.1

We have a powerful enemy, and not only does he hate every human being made in the image of God, but with bitterest enmity he hates God and His only-begotten Son Jesus Christ. When men give themselves over to be the slaves of Satan, he does not manifest the enmity toward them which he does to those who bear the name of Christ, and give themselves to the service of God. He hates them with a deadly hatred. He knows that he can grieve Jesus by bringing them under the power of his deceptions, by injuring them, by weakening their faith, by making them incapable of doing God service as they are required to serve under their Captain Jesus Christ.

Satan will permit those to have a degree of rest who are bound as slaves to his chariot, for they are his willing captives; but his enmity is aroused when the message of mercy reaches his bondslaves, and they seek to wrench themselves away from his power, that they may follow the true Shepherd. Then it is that he seeks to bind them with additional chains to hold them in their captivity. **The conflict between the soul and Satan begins when the captive begins to tug at the chain, and longs to be free; for it is then that the human agent begins to co-operate with heavenly intelligences, when faith takes hold on Christ. Then it is that the Stronger than the strong man armed, is the helper of the soul, and the poor captive is strengthened by the Holy Spirit to obtain his freedom.** FE 299.1

They will not regard their school life as a time for pleasure seeking, for idle amusement and foolish frolic, but will **endeavor to make the most of their God-given opportunities and privileges, so that they shall not disappoint their parents and teachers, or grieve God and heavenly intelligences.** FE 300.1

...The heavenly intelligences are waiting for human agents with whom they can co-operate as missionaries in the dark parts of the earth... FE 365.1

I do not expect to live long. My work is nearly done. **Tell our young people that I want my words to encourage them in that manner of life that will be most attractive to the heavenly intelligences, and that their influence upon others may be most ennobling.** FE 547.4

**Those who have this Spirit** are earnest workers together with God; the **heavenly intelligences co-operate with them**, and they go weighted with the spirit of the message that they bear. They speak words of solid sense, and from the treasury of the heart bring forth pure, sacred things, after the example of Christ. GW 288.1

**Let all understand** the words that I now write. **Those who are laborers together with God are but His instruments, and they in themselves possess no essential grace or holiness.** It is only **when they are co-operating with heavenly intelligences** that they are successful. They are but earthen vessels, the depositaries in which God places the treasure of His truth. Paul may plant, and Apollos water, but **it is God alone that gives the increase.** GRC 37.1

**God speaks through His appointed agencies**, and let no man, or confederacy of men, insult the Spirit of God by refusing to hear the message of God's word from the lips of His chosen messengers. By refusing to hear the message of God, men close themselves in a chamber of darkness: They shut their own souls away from vast blessings; and rob Christ of the glory that should come to Him, by showing disrespect to His appointed agencies. GRC 37.2

When heavenly intelligences see those who claim to be sons and daughters of God putting forth Christlike efforts to help the erring, manifesting a tender, sympathetic spirit for the repentant and the fallen, angels press close to them, and bring to their remembrance the very words that will soothe and uplift the soul... HL 277.1

Let no one overtax his God-given powers in an effort to advance the Lord's work more rapidly. **The power of man cannot hasten the work; with this must be united the power of heavenly intelligences....** Though all the workmen now bearing the heaviest burdens should be laid aside, God's work would be carried forward.—Testimonies for the Church 7:298 (1902). LDE 83.3

**When the heavenly intelligences see** that men will no longer present the truth in simplicity as did Jesus, **the very children will be moved upon by the Spirit of God** and will go forth proclaiming the truth for this time.—The Southern Work, 66 (1895). LDE 206.3

I point you to the life of **Christ**. Think of what He was before He came to our world—**Commander of all the heavenly intelligences**. How did He come to this earth? We know Him as a poor man, who to the very close of His earthly history maintained His humility. The idea that outward show gives influence to a man or his position is one of Satan's lies. Let no man climb above the methods and example of our Lord. There is no higher standard than the life of Christ. As a people we are to shun the pretense of the world, which has made men and women what they are today. We are not to copy the customs and practices of worldly wisemen in order to gain favor or influence. Christlikeness is true Christianity. In the truth there is a power which no outward appearance or display can give, which no worldly suppositions or opinions can change or alter.—Manuscript 172, 1899. MM 160.3

**The work of all the heavenly intelligences** is to this end. **Under the command of their General they are to work for the reclaiming** of those who by transgression have separated themselves from their Heavenly Father. **A plan has been devised whereby the wondrous grace and love of Christ shall stand revealed to the world**. In the infinite price paid by the Son of God to ransom man, the love of God is revealed. This glorious plan of redemption is ample in its provisions to save the whole world. Sinful and fallen man may be made complete in Jesus through the forgiveness of sin and the imputed righteousness of Christ. MYP 137.2

Faith in Christ as a personal Saviour will give strength and solidity to the character. Those who have genuine faith in Christ will be sober-minded, remembering that **God's eye is upon them**, that the Judge of all men is weighing moral worth, **that heavenly intelligences are watching** to see what manner of character is being developed. MYP 413.1

Self-centeredness Affects Perception (another personal message)—You can help us, my brother, in many ways. But I am commissioned of the Lord to say to you that you are not to be self-centered. Take heed how you hear, how you understand, and how you appropriate the Word of God. The Lord will bless you in drawing in even lines with your brethren. **Those whom He has sent forth to proclaim the third angel's message have been working in unison with the heavenly intelligences**. The Lord does not lay upon you a burden to proclaim a message that will bring discord into the ranks of believers. I repeat, He is not leading anyone by His Holy Spirit to frame a theory that will unsettle faith in the solemn messages He has given His people to bear to our world.—Manuscript 32, 1896. (Selected Messages 2:115). 1MCP 275.3



“**Blessed** are the peacemakers; for they shall be **called the children** of God.” **Who** calls them so? **All the heavenly intelligences**. Then do not encourage any tempted soul to tell you the grievances of a brother or a friend. Tell them that you do not want to hear their words of censure and evil speaking, because your Counselor has told you in His Word that if you cease to stir up strife and become a peacemaker, you will be blessed. Tell them that this is the blessing you are craving. 2MCP 439.3

**Heavenly intelligences are waiting to co-operate with human instrumentalities, that they may reveal to the world what human beings may become, and what, through union with the Divine, may be accomplished for the saving of souls that are ready to perish.** There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart and lives a life wholly consecrated to God. All who consecrate body, soul, and spirit to His service will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical, mental, and spiritual power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. Christ gives them the breath of His own Spirit, the life of His own life. The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in mind and heart. Through the grace given us we may achieve victories that because of our own erroneous and preconceived opinions, our defects of character, our smallness of faith, have seemed impossible. MH 159.4

You may fold your hands saying, “I am only a lay member of the church; it is a hopeless task for me to undertake.” But have you yoked up with Christ? Are you laboring in His way? **Oh, let it no longer be a source of grief to the heavenly intelligences and to Him who has paid such an infinite price for souls, that you refuse to be channels of light, that you refuse to cooperate with the heavenly agencies for the salvation of souls!** But let us “awake out of sleep,” and put all our God-given abilities into the work, that it may be written in the books that we are “redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” If we keep our talents inactive, we lose all ability to make use of them. The mind is a gift of God, designed to be improved and developed, that we may be able to enlighten others; but it may be perverted and misused in doing Satan's work.—The Review and Herald, April 21, 1896. MTC 84.4

**As a people we do not understand as we should the great conflict going on between invisible agencies, the controversy between loyal and disloyal angels.** Evil angels are constantly at work, planning their line of attack, controlling as commanders, kings, and rulers, the disloyal human forces.... I call upon the ministers of Christ to press home upon the understanding of all who come within the reach of their voice, the truth of the ministration of angels. Do not indulge in fanciful speculations. The written Word is our only safety. We must pray as did **Daniel**, that we may be **guarded by heavenly intelligences**. As ministering spirits angels are sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation. Pray, my brethren, pray as you have never prayed before. We are not prepared for the Lord's coming. We need to make thorough work for eternity.—(The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 4:1173.) Pr 254.4

Oh, that we could all **realize the nearness of heaven to earth!** When the earthborn children know it not, **they have the angels of light as their companions;** for the **heavenly messengers**

**are sent forth** to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation. A **silent witness** guards every soul that lives, seeking to win and draw him to Christ. The **angels never leave the tempted one** a prey to the enemy who would destroy the souls of men if permitted to do so. As long as there is hope, **until they resist the Holy Spirit** to their eternal ruin, **men are guarded by heavenly intelligences.** Pr 255.3

Oh, that all could behold our precious Saviour as He is, a Saviour. Let His hand draw aside the veil which conceals His glory from our eyes. It shows Him in His high and holy place. What do we see? Our Saviour, not in a position of silence and inactivity. **He is surrounded with heavenly intelligences, cherubim, and seraphim, ten thousand times ten thousand of angels. All these heavenly beings have one object above all others, in which they are intensely interested—His church in a world of corruption.... They are working for Christ under His commission, to save to the uttermost** all who look to Him and believe in Him. Pr 255.4

**Heavenly angels are commissioned** to watch the sheep of Christ's pasture. When Satan with his deceptive snares would deceive if possible the very elect, these **angels set in operation influences that will save the tempted souls if they will take heed to the Word of the Lord,** realize their danger, and say, "No, I will not enter into that scheme of Satan. I have an **Elder Brother on the throne in heaven,** who has shown that He has a tender interest in me, and I will not grieve His heart of love." Pr 256.1

Living amid these opposing forces, we may through the exercise of faith and prayer, call to our side a retinue of heavenly angels, who will guard us from every corrupting influence.—(Our High Calling, 23.) Pr 256.2

...**Heavenly intelligences co-operated with the workmen** whom **God Himself had chosen.** PK 62.2

The **followers of Jesus, in co-operation with heavenly intelligences,** are rapidly occupying the waste places of the earth; and, as the result of their labors, **an abundant fruitage of precious souls is developing.** Today, as never before, the dissemination of Bible truth by means of a consecrated church is bringing to the sons of men the benefits foreshadowed centuries ago in the promise to Abraham and to all Israel,—to God's church on earth in every age,—“I will bless thee, ... and thou shalt be a blessing.” Genesis 12:2. PK 703.1

The baptism of the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost will lead to a revival of true religion and to the performance of many wonderful works. **Heavenly intelligences will come among us, and men will speak as they are moved upon by the Holy Spirit of God.** But should the Lord work upon men as He did on and after the day of Pentecost, many who now claim to believe the truth would know so very little of the operation of the Holy Spirit that they would cry, “Beware of fanaticism.” They would say of those who were filled with the Spirit, “These men are full of new wine.” 2SM 57.1

**The work of our personal salvation also depends upon our cooperation with the divine agencies.** God has imparted to us moral powers and religious susceptibilities. He has given His Son as a propitiation for our sins, that we might be reconciled to God. Jesus lived a life of self-

denial and sacrifice, that we might follow His example. **He has given the Holy Spirit to be in Christ's stead in every place where help is needed. He employs the heavenly intelligences to bring divine power to combine with our human efforts.** But we must accept the gift of God, we must repent, and believe in Christ. We must watch, we must pray, we must obey the requirements of God. We must practice self-denial and self-sacrifice for Christ's sake. We must grow up into Christ by constant connection with Him. Whatever turns the mind away from God to trust in man, or conform to a human standard, will prevent us from cooperating with God in the work of our own salvation. This is why the Lord forbade His people to form any alliance with the heathen, "lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee" (Exodus 34:12). He said, "They will turn away thy son from following me" (Deuteronomy 7:4). And the same principle applies to the association of Christians with the ungodly. 2SM 123.4

God has thrust His people into the gap, to make up the hedge, to raise up the foundation of many generations. The **heavenly intelligences, angels that excel in strength**, are **waiting, obedient** to His command, **to unite with human agencies**; and the Lord will interpose when matters have come to such a pass that none but a divine power can counteract the satanic agencies at work. When His people shall be in the greatest danger, seemingly unable to stand against the power of Satan, God will work in their behalf. Man's extremity is God's opportunity. 2SM 373.1

I am so thankful at this time that we can have our minds taken off from the difficulties that surround us, and the oppression that is to come upon the people of God, and can look up to the heaven of light and power. **If we place ourselves on the side of God, of Christ and the heavenly intelligences, the broad shield of Omnipotence is over us, the mighty God of Israel is our helper, and we need not fear.** Those who touch the people of God, touch the apple of His eye.... 2SM 373.3

Day by day the conflict between good and evil is going on. Why is it that those who have had many opportunities and advantages do not realize the **intensity** of this work? They should be intelligent in regard to this. **God is the Ruler. By His supreme power He holds in check and controls earthly potentates. Through His agencies He does the work** which was ordained before the foundation of the world. 4BC 1173.6

As a people we do not understand as we should the great conflict going on between invisible agencies, the controversy between loyal and disloyal angels. Evil angels are constantly at work, planning their line of attack, controlling as commanders, kings, and rulers, the disloyal human forces.... I call upon the ministers of Christ to press home upon the understanding of all who come within the reach of their voice, the truth of the ministration of angels. Do not indulge in fanciful speculations. The written Word is our only safety. We must pray as did Daniel, that we may be guarded by heavenly intelligences. As ministering spirits angels are sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation. Pray, my brethren, pray as you have never prayed before. We are not prepared for the Lord's coming. We need to make thorough work for eternity (Letter 201, 1899). 4BC 1173.7

The psalmist says, “The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.” **Heavenly intelligences are close by the side of every one who is seeking to open the Word of God to the understanding of the simple, or to those who are really desirous of becoming acquainted with the will of God.** Those who open the scripture to others should teach them the Word of life, realizing the solemn, sacred work that they are doing; for they are bringing souls in contact with God and with Jesus Christ, whom He has sent. Any trifling, jesting, or joking over the Word of God is dishonoring to Him, and leaves an influence that is anything but good upon the mind. But **if we desire to enlarge a man's mind, let us turn his attention to the Scriptures.** In the Bible we behold Him who is the way, the truth, and the life. Through understanding the Word of God, efficiency is obtained for both the practical and the religious life. SWk 51.1