



Lesson 64

Reinstituting Truths

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God gives His people truths for them to understand, but sometimes they get lost. People stop following them, or forget them, or they get buried under other things. So God has to reinstitute these truths. In this lesson, we are going to look at some of those instances. Connected to the subject of reinstituting truths is the message of the dispensation that we live in now. We will see how its message is also connected to the message of the last dispensation.

The Sabbath

The Sabbath lost in Egypt

During the time of the captivity of God's people in Egypt, the Israelites stopped keeping the Sabbath. "Hallowed by the Creator's rest and blessing, the Sabbath was kept by Adam in his innocence in holy Eden; by Adam, fallen yet repentant, when he was driven from his happy estate. It was kept by all the patriarchs, from Abel to righteous Noah, to Abraham, to Jacob. When the chosen people were in bondage in Egypt, many, in the midst of prevailing idolatry, lost their knowledge of God's law..." *The Great Controversy* 453.1. They were in bondage to the Egyptians who didn't keep the Sabbath so they eventually stopped keeping it themselves.

The Sabbath restored

The Sabbath began to be restored at the end of the Egyptian captivity. The Egyptian captivity lasted many years. The Israelites were enslaved and forced to work. This work forced them to break and eventually forget the Sabbath. After Moses killed the Egyptian, he fled to Midian; and he lived there for forty years. At the end of the forty years, God appeared to Moses. He told him to go to Egypt and tell Pharaoh to free the Israelites. Moses went, and while he was in Egypt, he told the Israelites to begin to keep the Sabbath again. *Patriarchs and Prophets* 258.1 says: "...But Moses had shown his people that obedience to God was the first condition of deliverance; and the efforts made to restore the observance of the Sabbath had come to the notice of their oppressors." We see here that the Sabbath began to be restored when Moses returned to Egypt. So the Sabbath was lost in the captivity in Egypt and it was restored when Moses returned to Egypt.



God's Law

God's law lost before Christ's time

After Israel's captivity in Babylon and their following release the Bible doesn't speak much about them until the time of Christ. They learned that they needed to worship God to be safe because of all the oppression they faced after they were released from captivity. They had also learned that they were not to worship idols when they were in Babylon. But their interpretation of God's law was corrupted by some ideas that they got from Babylon. They became stringent in their observance of the law and they shut themselves in from everyone. The law of God was covered in ceremonies and meaningless rules; they also lost sight of the significance of the sacrificial services. God's law was lost in the time between Israel's deliverance from Babylon and the advent of Christ.

God's law restored

During the time of Christ, His law was restored. That is what He taught the people and His disciples during His time on earth- how to keep the law. "Those who hold that Christ abolished the law teach that He broke the Sabbath and justified His disciples in doing the same. Thus they are really taking the same ground as did the caviling Jews. In this they contradict the testimony of Christ Himself, who declared, 'I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.' John 15:10. Neither the Saviour nor His followers broke the law of the Sabbath. Christ was a living representative of the law. No violation of its holy precepts was found in His life." *The Desire of Ages* 287.3. Christ not only taught the law to His disciples, but He lived the law. That is how the law was restored during His time.

God's Law
lost

God's Law
Restored

The law was buried under
the Jews' traditions

Christ swept away tradition
and brought out the law

The Sanctuary and the Sabbath

The Sabbath lost in the 1260

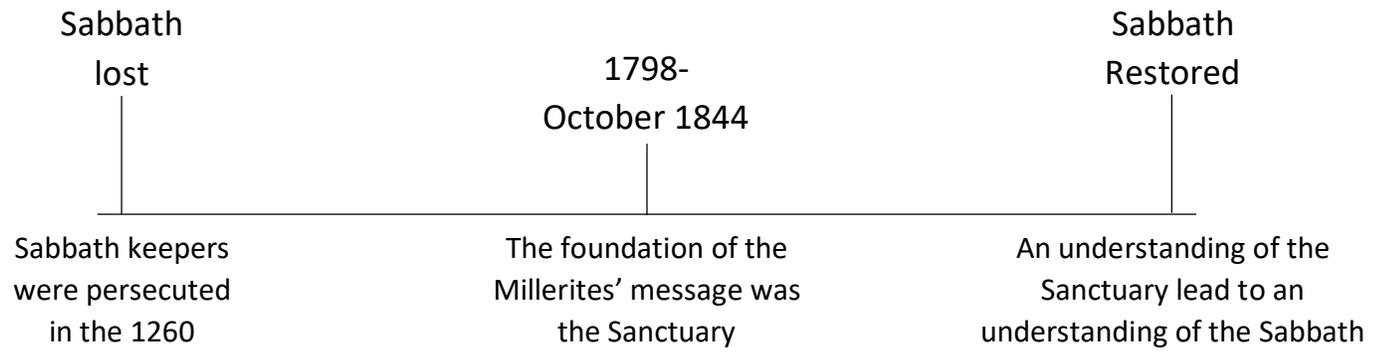
In the 1260 the Sabbath was lost. In AD 538 Pagan Rome ended and Papal Rome began. For the next 1260 years the Papacy ruled the world. The Papacy believed Sunday was the Sabbath. The Catholic church persecuted people that had opposing views to them. They persecuted people that held onto the true Sabbath like the Waldenses. They also persecuted the reformers who didn't keep the Sabbath, but still opposed the Catholic church. These conditions that continued for 1260 years caused the Sabbath to be lost, and like we saw with Moses' time, it has to be restored.

The Sanctuary

The main point of the Millerites' message was the Second Coming of Christ. Their main verse to prove that was Daniel 8:14. That verse is talking about the sanctuary. It says that after 2300 (prophetic) days- which is 2300 years- the sanctuary would be cleansed. Their message was about the sanctuary. The Millerites made a mistake though, they thought that the sanctuary was the Earth and the cleansing of the Earth was the Lake of Fire after the Second Coming, but we know that is not true. Their message should have said that Jesus was about to enter the Most Holy Place of the sanctuary in Heaven. They should have seen the mistake and corrected it- but they did not. Regardless of that the Millerites' message from 1798 to October 22, 1844 was about the sanctuary.

The Sabbath and the Sanctuary

"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun." Ecclesiastes 1:9. There is nothing new under the sun which means there is no new message- it's only explaining the previous messages. That is true for the time of the Millerites. Their whole message was about the sanctuary. Then Ellen White had a vision about the sanctuary. "In the ark was the golden pot of manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of stone which folded together like a book. Jesus opened them, and I saw the ten commandments written on them with the finger of God. On one table were four, and on the other six. The four on the first table shone brighter than the other six. But the fourth, the Sabbath commandment, shone above them all; for the Sabbath was set apart to be kept in honor of God's holy name. The holy Sabbath looked glorious—a halo of glory was all around it." *Early Writings* 32.3. The vision of the Sanctuary was pointing to the Sabbath. When the Millerites began to understand the message of the Sabbath, it wasn't a new message; they were refining their understanding of the sanctuary.



Equality and Marriage

Equality lost in Eden

Equality was lost after Eden. In Eden, Adam and Eve committed the first sin, they had all of the trees in the garden of Eden to eat from, except one: that was the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But they disobeyed God and ate from that tree- thus committing the first sin. It was because of this sin that inequality was introduced; God told Adam to rule over Eve. Before the sin there was equality, but equality was lost when they sinned.

Equality restored

The message of the last dispensation was equality. It did not start out as equality, but equality was the testing message that came from the formalization in 2018. We learned that everyone is equal and we should not discriminate. We previously saw that equality was lost in Eden. But since then God has been working to bring it back. That work finishes in our history (we will probably learn more about equality in Heaven, but the work of bringing equality back- on earth- finishes on our line). That means that in our time equality is restored. Equality was the message of the Latter rain dispensation: from 2014 to November 9, 2019. Equality parallels the message of the sanctuary from Millerite history. Both messages were before the close of probation for the first group. Equality was lost in Eden and it began to be restored in our previous dispensation.

Twin institutions

Marriage and the Sabbath are the twin institutions that God created. "When the Pharisees afterward questioned Him concerning the lawfulness of divorce, Jesus pointed His hearers back to the marriage institution as ordained at creation. 'Because of the hardness of your hearts,' He said, Moses 'suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.' He referred them to the blessed days of Eden when God pronounced all things 'very good.' Then marriage and the Sabbath had their origin, twin institutions for the glory of God in the benefit of humanity." *Adventist Home* 340.4. After Eden, the institution of marriage was lost.

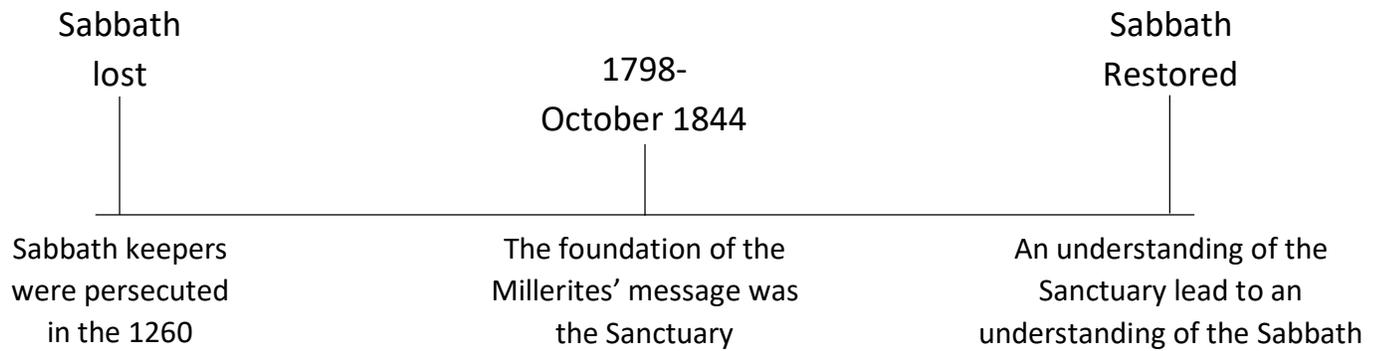
Marriage restored

Marriage will be restored in our time. We looked at how things were restored after they were lost. The Sabbath was lost in Egypt, and it was later restored. God's law was buried by the tradition of the Jews and Christ restored it. In the 1260, the Sabbath was lost again, but the understanding of the sanctuary led to the restoration of the Sabbath. In our time we saw that equality is being restored after having been lost after Eden. As well as equality, marriage will be restored in our time. We saw that marriage was lost after Eden, therefore it must be restored before Eden can be restored. We know this because the Millerites formed an understanding of the sanctuary before the close of probation in 1844, and that understanding developed into

an understanding of the Sabbath from 1846 to 1848. The message that parallels an understanding of the sanctuary is equality; it was given to us before November 9th. Therefore, the understanding of equality will soon develop into a message, since we are after the close of probation like the Millerites. We can pin point the time the message will be given by looking at the dates in Millerite history. The message of the Sabbath was given in the 1846-1848 time, this was before 1850 which is the Sunday Law and 2021. Since we are talking about the first fractal in Millerite history, 1850 is the Midnight cry in 2021. So therefore we know we'll get a message before Panium- it will come at the formalization this year because that is what 1848 parallels in our time. This message will be a message on marriage. Marriage and equality are connected; marriage is part of equality. Therefore, since equality was lost, and restored in our time, marriage is also restored in our time because they're connected. The formalization of marriage this year will give us more light on equality, and therefore complete the restoration of the twin institutions, which are marriage and the Sabbath: we can say equality and the Sabbath. So the formalization will complete the two institutions which we know have to be completed before Eden gets restored at the end of the world.



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