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Dear Saints,

Here is the latest in news for Salem. We published a the [Symbolic Code, Vol. 24, No. 1](#) a few days ago. We have encountered some resistance from our Zambian brethren in releasing this Code. It now becomes painfully apparent we must disclose the details of our separation from them and perhaps the inevitable split of **those in Zambia who will choose to follow their leaders there.**

A few months ago, as I contemplated the work in the USA field and pondered how it would move, I began to have a special burden on my heart. To be clear, my heart has always been to grow the work here in the United States and beyond. When you read the Symbolic Code, you will see how much work we have accomplished in the past three years --from achieving a new place of operations and living quarters, to making [tracts](#), [digitizing studies](#), [creating e-books](#), and creating [Bible study videos](#). All these things take a considerable amount of time and effort.

As the only graphic designer/video editor on staff at the Association, my days are consumed with multiple inquiries, projects and study/tract requests. I realized, after working for the past three years to grow our on-line presence and brand, that we now needed the Bible workers, members, and ministers to utilize these tools to bring people in to support the gospel work. These workers would need to be trained and a campaign developed, with accountability woven in, to assure measurable results.

As many of you know, I began to work for the Association in 2021. For a while I worked 2 jobs, working as a teacher and for the Association, but this state of overwork was unsustainable in the long term. I began to gain weight and my health began to suffer. But regardless of the cost, I continued to work because the Association needed at least one full-time worker to handle all the administrative and legal tasks, and to keep the ministry going. At the same time I had a growing burden, my financial situation was getting worse because the Association was not able to pay me consistently. I had created the [2021 & Beyond Business Plan + Fiscal Report](#), & we had hit every one of our objectives except to bring the vice president & ministerial director to the U.S. I had the arduous task of auditing previous years (2018-2021) where the organization's accounts were under the control of Brother Adair in his demented state. I also created the 2022 fiscal report & [published in our previous Symbolic Code](#).

Side Note: The fact that we have published our profit & losses from 2018-2022 plus fiscal reports from the time when we gained control of the accounts in late 2021, becomes important as the vice president, Sister Brenda, and other leaders in the Zambian division, are demanding transparency from us and are accusing us of mismanagement. Ironically, the Zambian-South African division **has never published a fiscal report & turned it in to the Association's headquarters.** It should be noted that the council was already assessing & in the process of implementing changes to the frequency of the fiscal reporting.

I began to pray fervently for God to move the work forward, to show me why the work in America was not growing, and for wisdom on what to do; what strategy to pursue to grow the U.S. field. As many of you know, we had cast our lots with getting the brethren in Zambia here to America to lead, as their robust work in Zambia was evident to us. We did many things to get them here, which included



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buying a house and creating a living and workspace for them at the eastgate, but we were unable to raise the capital/liquid assets to get them approved for the R1 visa. Eventually, I cashed in my teacher retirement and gave the entire amount to the Association in anticipation of the brethren being here in America. I had so much faith in them to accomplish much and expand the USA work. The council members were informed of my decision and also sent an email when the retirement money was deposited in the Association account. This was in November 2022.

Application for a Visitor's Visa on April 25, 2023

[We had applied for another type of visa](#), called a visitor's visa at Sister Brenda's suggestion. We were denied and didn't know why. In response, I scheduled [a meeting with an immigration officer in the U.S.](#) to get more answers. We also held additional meetings with the immigration attorneys

Fast forward, we launched the 2024 training and then everything began to change. During this time, my husband and other family members began to apply pressure on me to get a timeline on when my mother would sell her house to get the African brethren here. My husband was upset because I had given the money without his knowledge and I wasn't getting paid regularly. My family members knew that my mother, the secretary treasurer, had said she would sell her home to help bring the Zambians here. They pointed out that I was the only one who had given everything I had and was really sacrificing. They began to apply pressure on me to get answers from Association leaders. Unbeknown and not understood by us, Sister Judy had checked on the appreciation of her house and determined that the money from the sale of the house would not be enough to bring them here & for a down payment for a new house.

Some of my family members had said my husband had the right to divorce me. I was under an extreme amount of pressure and I admitted to everyone during the Salem GADSDA training through tears that it was a mistake for me to withhold the information from my husband, and as a result, I

would be looking for a job and would have to scale back work hours for the Association.

Although the omission from my husband was 100% my fault, I needed help. I kept messaging Brother Obi, Brother Presley and my mom and asking them to meet with me and my husband to allay his fears and concerns, but the responses were very slow. I saw very little action on the part of council members to help my situation. I communicated individually to council members that my mom could not continue to personally bankroll the Association from her military pension. I also complained about my mother sharing details of our work with relatives and also about the current legal case. Now after reflection, I realize that the main thing these usurpers wanted was money and the rights to Salem, -the writings, the books, -the power and the legal case would've gone forward anyways. My mom was the last one caring for Brother Adair, faithfully visiting him, cooking & bringing him food every day, in his last days. She truly loved the man.

I asked for a meeting on the council chat and my mother refused as she did not want to be pressured to sell her home. My husband and her exchanged words. I didn't like that my family was arguing and in disarray. I also didn't agree with how my mother was talked to. But I was angered at the apathy I saw --for my plight, for Brother Obi agreed that my mother did not have to sell her house, which was like a slap to the face to me. Overall, what I saw was there was no real motivation to help me resolve my issues or get the brethren here. Any attempts to communicate with my mother over the issue were shut down, and finally frustrated, I wrote up a work contract for myself.

My role was comprehensive at the Association, but not by design. [Council members were voted in at the 2021 session for certain roles](#), yet I ended up doing [many of those roles](#). Our attempts to work together as a team started off strong, but waned as time went on.

Sister Watkins was voted in as secretary assistant but resigned shortly after she started due to disagreement we had. Brother Watkins left the country and was not able to make meetings for a long period of time. He

was voted in as an alternate assistant vice president and as health director. Sister Judy was voted in as secretary-treasurer but was recovering from cancer, and as a result needed a lot of help. I had to help with treasurer duties, secretarial duties, and I also had to administer the affairs of the Association. Brother Presley & Brother Obi were hard to communicate with at times and couldn't do things simply because of their location, lack of understanding how to use technology, internet access and many other reasons. Although I didn't realize it at that time, I had to become the acting vice-president as no resolutions were made, initiatives, or campaigns created by the vice-president.

I called the majority of the meetings, acted as chairman, set goals and objectives, and tried my best

to ensure that we accomplished them. Over time, the burden of working so much began to take a real toll. My husband and children began to complain that all I did was work. It created strain on my marriage and affected my physical health greatly. I was glued to the computer doing videos, creating tracts, etc. These things take a significant time to do on the computer and I didn't get much exercise.

I created the Hunting campaign "[From 2024 to the Kingdom](#)" to ignite the workers because I felt we were stagnant as a council and had not accomplished enough gains to sustain the ministry. I saw that giving was down and we needed to get more U.S. members committed to supporting the ministry. The U.S. donations supported not only itself but the Zambian division too. We received no money from

Sister Hall's Work Contract

Section 10. Timetable

A. Section A: This employment agreement includes a guarantee of GADSDA's implementation of the following plan in Section 10, (1-7) of this contract to bring Obi Chilala, vice president of GADSDA & Presley Bwalya, ministerial director to the headquarters of GADSDA -by the council of GADSDA. GADSDA must provide in paper or digital document an actionable, measurable plan to GADSDA's members & to provide them with a timetable within 30 calendar days. GADSDA must:

- 1. Carry out the growth & marketing plan with fidelity, by the training and executing of the "2024 to the Kingdom Hunting Campaign" by GADSDA leaders, (created by Alexia Hall) to work virtually (or in person where possible), using both the Zambia-SA division and the U.S. division to target the American demographic.**
- 2. Raise liquid cash within 1 calendar year in the amount to be determined by the USCIS [<https://www.uscis.gov/>] and by the counsel of GADSDA's immigration lawyers to be accumulated in an separate business bank account under GADSDA, to be reserved for one Obi Chilala(s) & one Presley Bwalya(s) R1 visas (and eventually their families) being approved and all other immigration expenses. Under no circumstances are these funds to be touched or used for operating expenses, charitable donations, or emergencies.**
- 3. Have monthly meetings on the immigration status of Obi Chilala & Presley Bwalya which every council member must attend. No more than two meetings may be missed per calendar year.**
- 4. Have weekly meetings about the growth & marketing plan & to track progress and report the data from the bible workers, ministers, and volunteers in both the American & Zambia-South Africa division. Every council member must attend. No more than two meetings may be missed per calendar year. This weekly schedule may only be altered for holidays or special GADSDA meetings and events, or unforeseen emergencies.**
- 5. These weekly & monthly meetings must be scheduled by & meeting minutes taken by the Secretary-Treasurer unless previous arrangements have been made for someone else to do so. Meeting minutes must be sent out to all council members within 3 business days.**
- 6. The hiring of an hourly, contract employee at the rate of \$15 (negotiable) per hour to clean up GADSDA's books and keep GADSDA "in the black".**
- 7. Quarterly reports of GADSDA's expenditures and financial status by the Secretary-Treasurer with the hourly, contract employee assigned under the Treasurer present. During this meeting the minute meetings will be taken by another council member.**

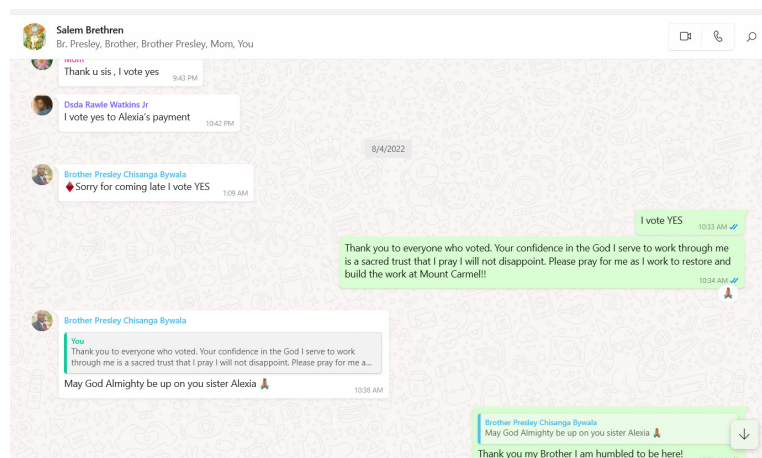
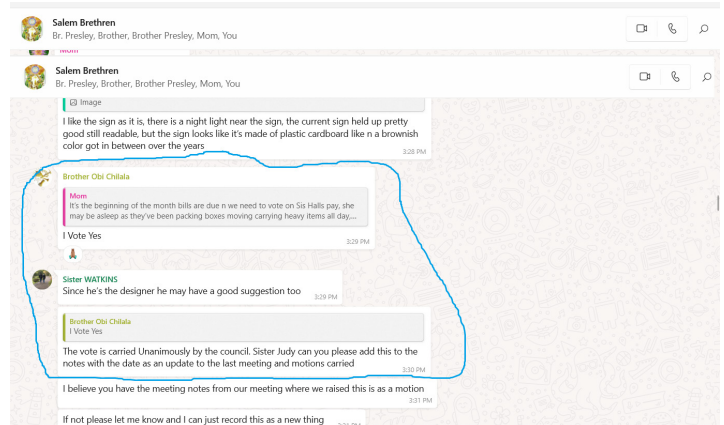
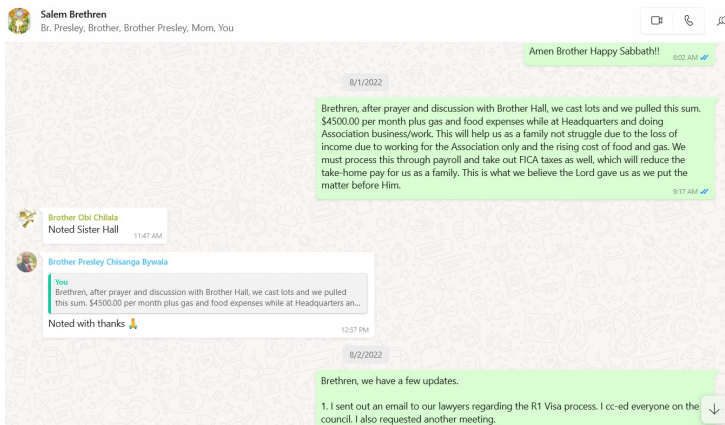
the Zambian division, nor did we ask for financial reports. However, Headquarters had published fiscal reports for the year 2018-2022 either in the Symbolic Code or in our business & growth plan. We let them manage their own finances and keep the money for their work. The two Zambian brethren were paid generously from our funds, and we also gave to fund the division's camp meetings and/or helped individual members if they had a death or illness.

My contract letter to the council was designed to apply pressure on them, especially my mother to raise the capital to bring the Zambian brethren to America. The council had voted for me to have a certain salary from the end of 2022, but I had not been paid that amount to date. (Since giving was down after the economic downturn from the pandemic, everyone's salary was cut.) I also put in

a stipulation that if the capital to bring the Zambian brethren here was not accomplished by a certain time, the retirement money would have to be paid back in increments. I told the council that if they did not sign the agreement that I would resign and my pay would have to be resolved in a reasonable amount of time and my resignation would be sent out on all communication channels.

Many have accused me of wanting more money and being selfish with the contract. But **the money demand had to be included in the contract or the contract would not apply pressure on anyone** – neither my mom to sell her house nor the council to work hard towards raising the capital to bring the Zambian brethren here. I stipulated so many things that ensured the work objectives would be worked for, –that no council member could miss more than two meetings per year, quarterly reports from our

The council voted for Sister Hall's pay on 8/2022 because of her long hours & proven work ethic, however her pay was cut (without a vote) roughly in half once the economy took a downturn. There were a few months where she was paid much less and other months where she was paid more as giving fluctuated. As a practice, the treasurer always made sure the Zambian brethren & the Association's bills were taken care of first.



One of Sister Brenda's main concerns was about Sister Hall being paid, but as you can see, her pay was voted by the Executive Council according to the Leviticus under ARTICLE II-LABORERS' COMPENSATION.

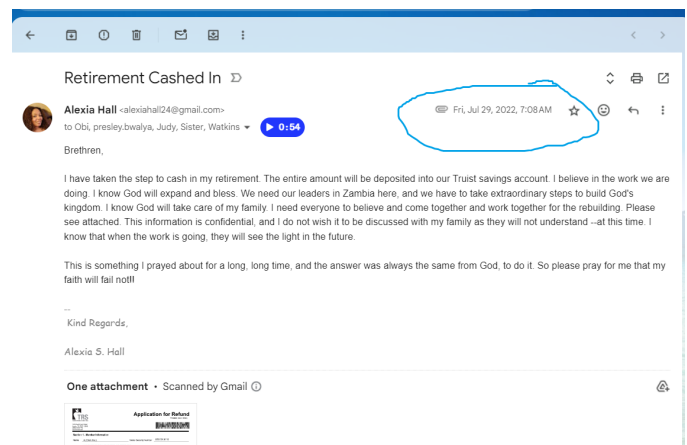
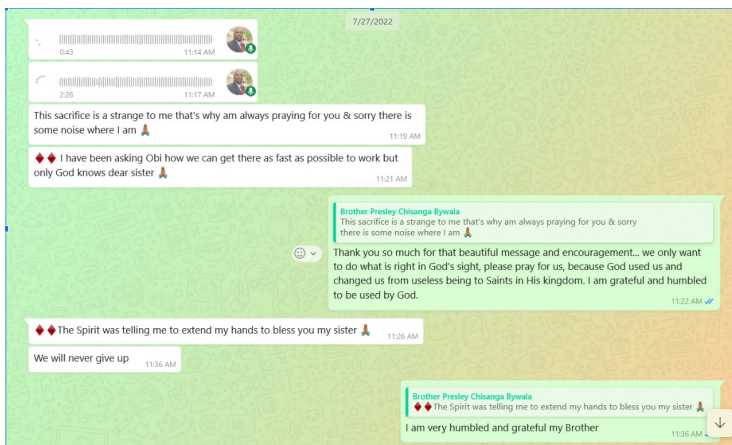
treasurer, a separate, untouchable business account for the R1 visa fund, and fidelity to work the hunting campaign, complete with mandatory weekly reports from each field worker, weekly progress reports on the immigration status... It was to ensure accountability just as the prophet had designed. My perspective was this: I had invested my only nest egg, gave up my career for God's work, worked whether paid or not, so I was completely invested in the Association's success. I didn't have time to be lackadaisical or ineffective. My *work ethic showed how much I cared*. But I could no longer turn a blind eye to the situation we were in. Our failure to grow the American field had led to a deficit in our treasury. Attendance at council meetings was

dismal. Brother Obi failed to show up at meetings increasingly and others took a long time to log in and were extremely late, wasting valuable time. Sister Judy & I showed up to about every meeting, but I couldn't say the same for the rest.

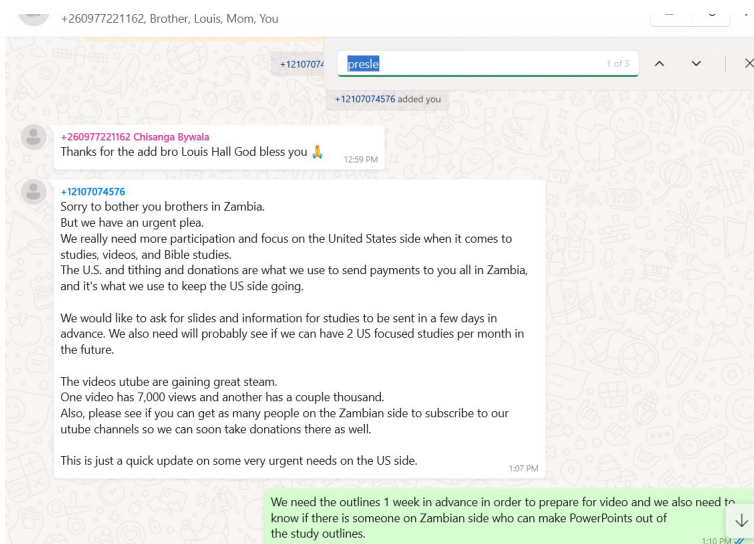
March, 31st, 2024: Council Meeting with the Halls

After I sent the contract, that got all the council members' attention and we had the meeting with my husband, brother, and council members. My husband and I testified how much work was being put on me, how I wasn't being paid regularly, and how my retirement money was given without his

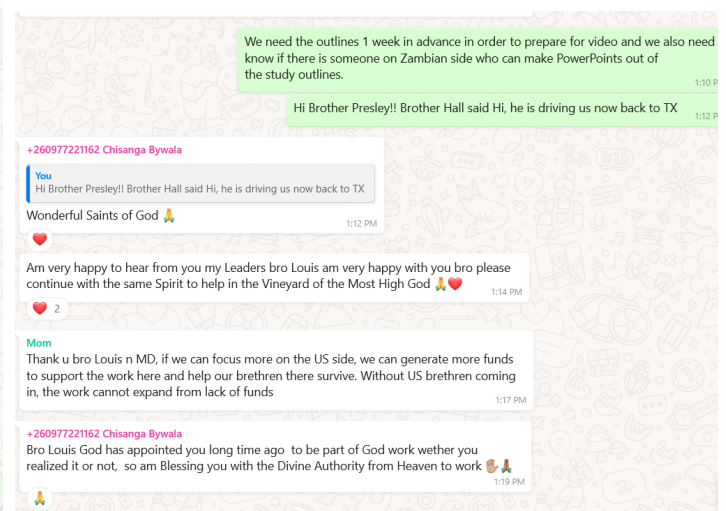
Brother Presley's Voice Note Thanking me for the Donation & Email Sent to Council Members



Brother Hall's plea to focus on American Field

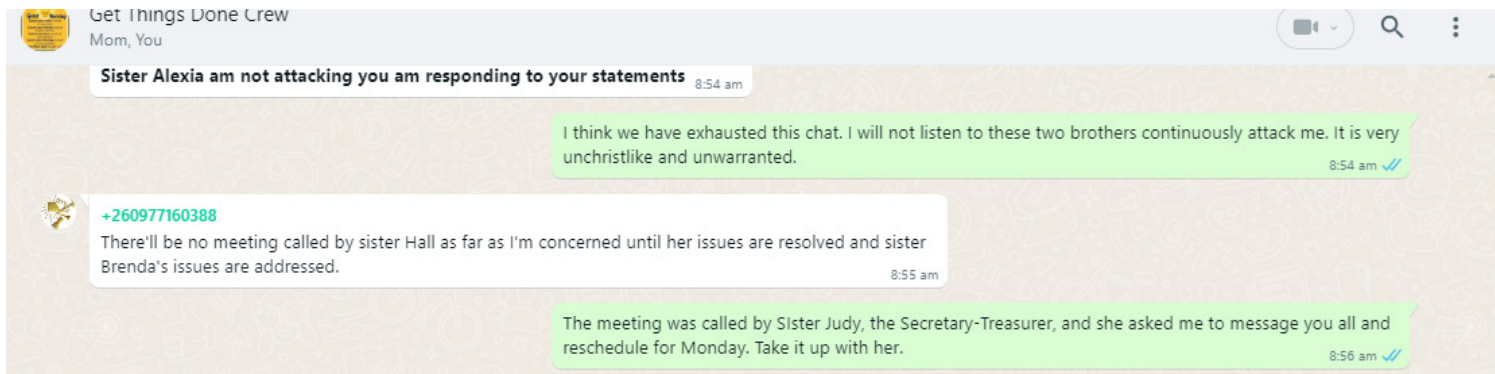


Brother Presley says Brother Hall is "Appointed" by God



Although Brother Hall is not yet a Davidian, he helped the cause immeasurably in our time of great need. When the conflict came, he was treated very badly by our senior members of our faith.

Brother Obi Treats Sister Hall with Contempt

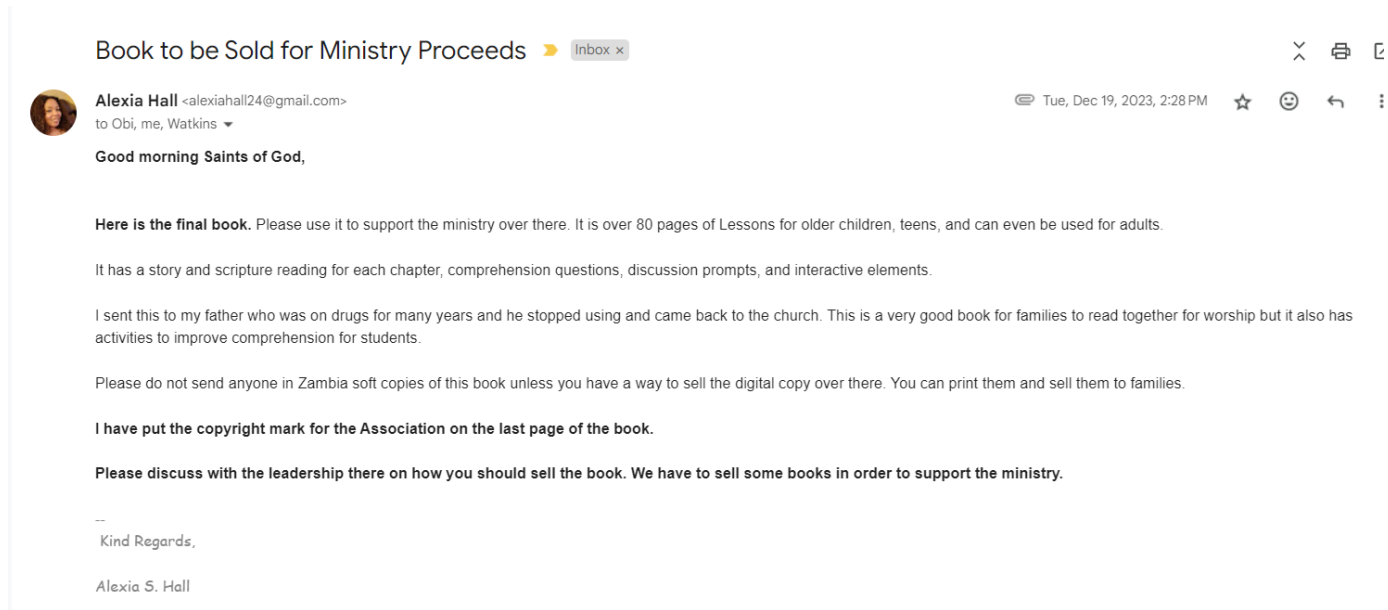


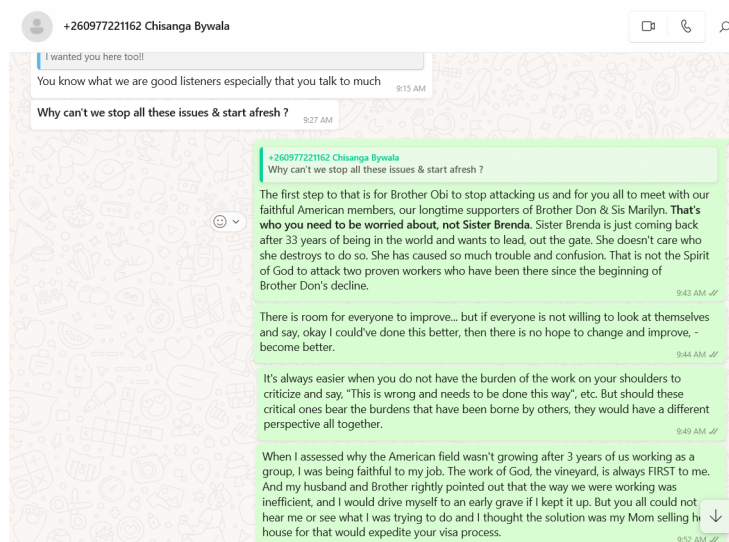
consent. During this meeting I saw council members ***bold-faced lie and say they had no knowledge*** that I gave this money without my husband knowing. Although at the time of giving it, I received thanks and praises in the form of messages from individual council members. There was also several conversations we had via chat about my gift. (For those who have asked, I do not have a recording of this meeting as the Watkins set up this Zoom meeting.) [Read Brother Hall's letter here.](#)

Now it was being claimed that I acted alone, and that I had brought the council into disrepute. My husband wanted my mom to promise when she sold her house that she would give us some of the money back. I told the council at that meeting

that it was indeed a charitable gift and I wasn't expecting the money back. I also told them I gave that large amount because it was an investment in the association, because I believed in It, its growth, and the two brothers that were supposed to come to America. (Afterward, I would have this phrase repeated back to me, that I was looking at the Association as something I could make money on, but I never meant it in that manner.) I was upset because it didn't seem like anyone cared about getting them here. I wanted them here because the burden of most of the work was on me, and I had been asking for help for months and begging council members to take some of my workload. My focus was totally on the Zambian brethren. I thought they would rescue us.

Sister Hall allowed her [creative works](#) to be used by the Association to generate money for the ministry.





We talked to the Zambian brethren again and again about the importance of focusing on the American field. But this request and others fell on deaf ears. We saw no discernible changes to do as we requested. Sister Judy and I, the active American leaders, noticed a resistance coming from the Zambian leaders when we suggested methods that would work with Americans. We asked them again and again to work on projects, to focus on learning how to use technology and work on-line to hunt. Often they would agree to do it but would do something else. They only seemed to want to work on Whatsapp and with their own field there. We tried enlisting Brother Hall to speak to them as well about the U.S. demographic and the need to focus on it. The U.S. Whatsapp chat, Facebook group, and other channels were neglected. In desperation I tried to enlist other Zambian workers, Brother Kenny & Brother Machala to help engage the American members. We paid them a small sum to do so. We talked about someone maintaining social media & our Facebook group. We talked about doing study groups. This became problematic though, because the Zambians would experience internet and power shortages.

Eventually, the vice president was very difficult to reach, taking a week or more to respond to our issues and problems on the American side. This was brought up to Brother Presley, who was easier to get in touch with. Brother Presley said he spent a lot of time covering Brother Obi's lackadaisical behavior

there, and that the Zambians were complaining about him too.

Sister Judy and I were becoming increasingly frustrated at the apparent lack of care for the American field by our Zambian brethren and how they seemed to ignore our requests. We talked about it many times, almost weekly.

Back to the meeting. At the meeting I explained my reason for the letter *and I rescinded it*. I told the council that it was a statement, a protest, to wake them up out of their slumber.

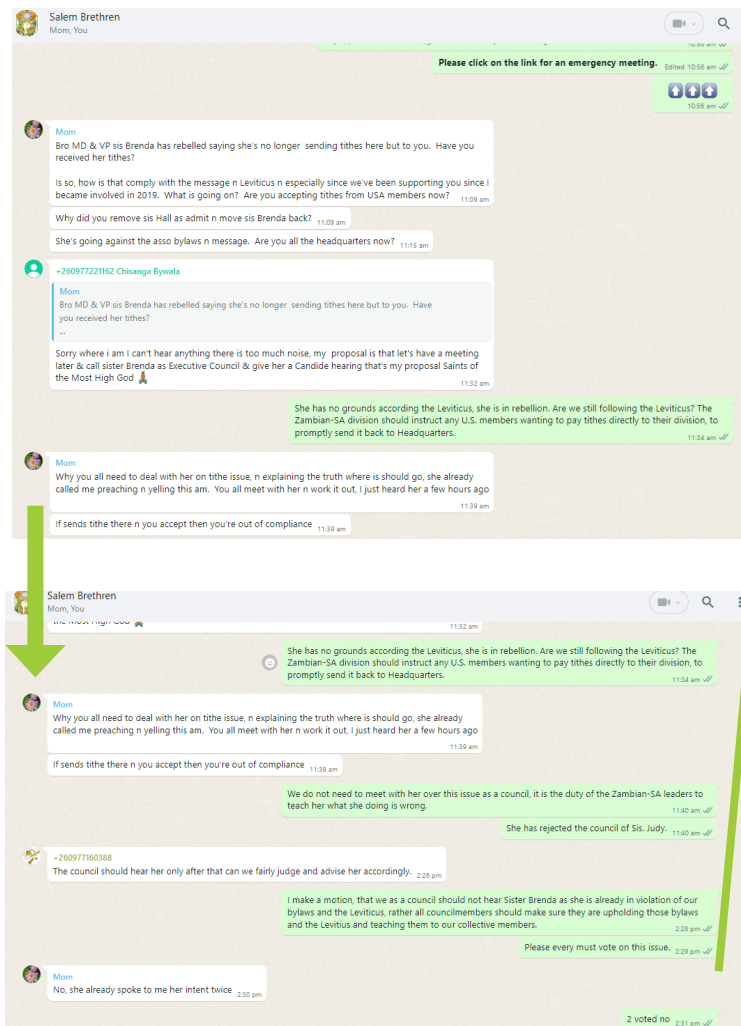
I told them, "If you were scared that one person had too much power, good, because all this work should have never been on me!"

I also reminded them that they had signed up for certain jobs, jobs that were now being done by me. I testified that I was very angry at how me and my husband had been treated by the council, **and how I had included things in my work contract to show them my value, and what I could charge or demand for the amount of work I have done, plus profits for the creative works I have used to build the Association up.** I had given the Zambian council members my book for the children so they could sell it at a reasonable price in Zambia and use the money for the ministry there. I had made many *original charts & timelines* to help with learning the message, which are often used in our videos.

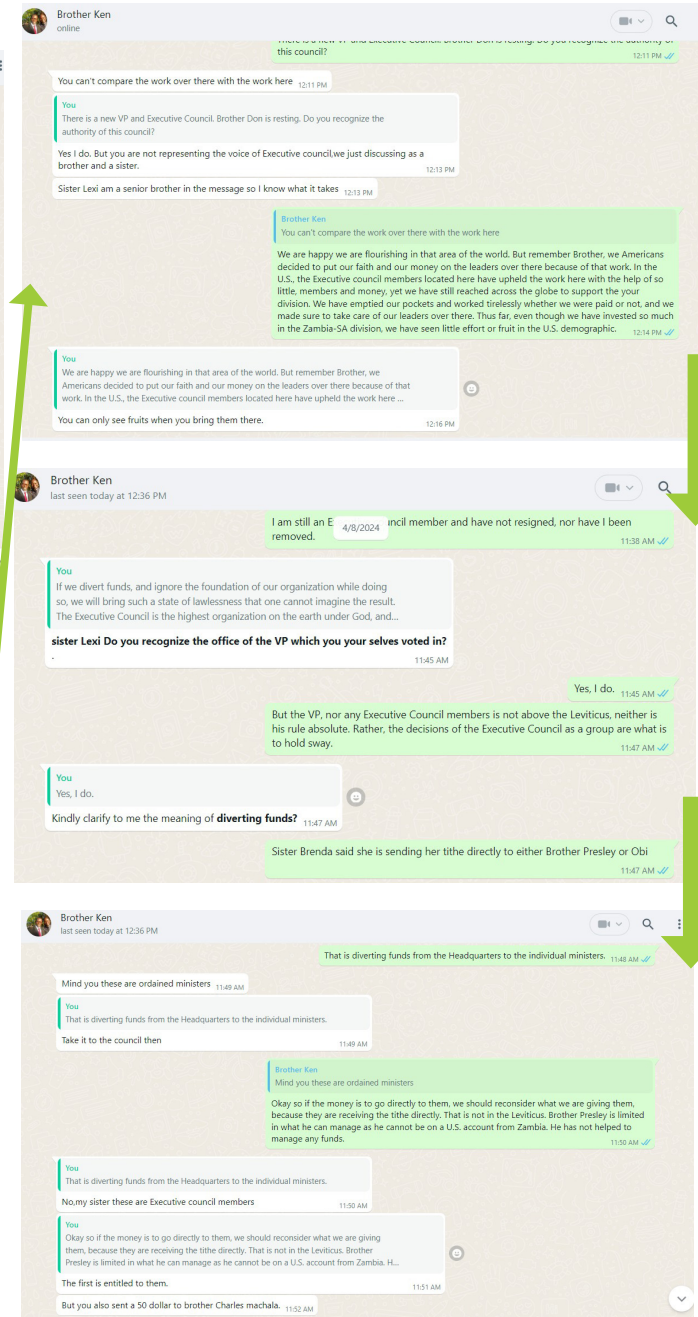
At the meeting the nature and tone of the questioning by the Zambian brethren was very hostile and aggressive, –disrespectful. They gaslighted me terribly. Brother Obi told me I was "crying" about all the work I had done. In chats I was told "that is not how a true servant of God speaks".

At that meeting, I was also told by Brother Obi that I coveted the treasurer position. I told Brother Obi & Presley that I had been on the accounts since 2021, as it was a nonprofit, corporate account that it needed to have more than one person on it. If they thought it was about access to the treasury, ***I already had it. I had spearheaded every fiscal report since 2018-2022.*** But for 2023, I was tired, had many duties and

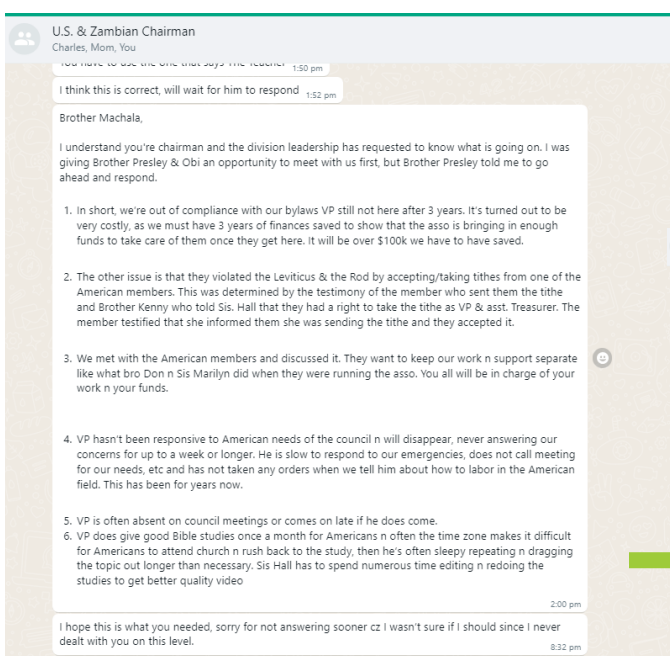
Sister Judy admonishes council members to correct Sister Brenda and that there is no need for the council to hear her.



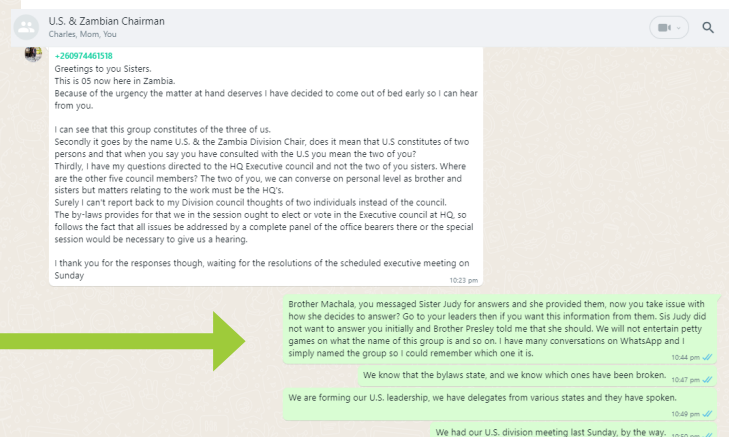
Brother Kenny tells Sister Hall that the tithe should first be sent to Zambia.



Brother Charles Machala Formally Requests Information for the Division Leadership...



...but becomes rude after being answered.



Sister Brenda Complains about Not being able to Give a Study to the U.S. Members

Screenshot 1 (Top Left): DSDA Brenda Perrizo: "We have been working on getting organized in this regard to answer the most urgent requests and need of what is happening in the field." "Brother Presley is someone who would be good to talk to this about."

Screenshot 2 (Top Right): DSDA Brenda Perrizo: "Please read up on what we have been presenting on the 'reformation' which is how the organization is to be run. This is the Leviticus of D.S.D.A., we have a leadership structure which everyone must respect and be patient with. We are all working towards the same thing. We all want to spread the message. Please, let's not have any variance over this issue any longer. If you can wait, you will get a chance to present your study on the Zoom call."

Screenshot 3 (Bottom Left): DSDA Brenda Perrizo: "Thank you for your explanation. As far as I understand via brother Obi is that sister Judy's in charge of studies here in America. Now that may have recently changed probably because of some coming from other associations. But that's really beside the point, because I don't believe we need to raise our hands and say I want to hear this study or that study." "Every individual in this group ought to go prayerfully study and prepare and present a study of their choosing. Having someone else do the studying for them in my estimation is laziness and they will not get the seal. We all need to know the Rod message backwards and forwards. Do you? I know I don't."

Screenshot 4 (Bottom Right): DSDA Brenda Perrizo: "There's one more thing I need to share with you. About 20 years ago, I had a strong desire to teach others about the Word of God. I wanted to speak publicly. This desire was so strong inside, and I felt the Spirit of God upon me, impressing me. But everywhere I went, it seemed opportunities that other people got to speak and lead out were not available to me. This went on and on until I became so frustrated that I began to piece together articles. I started writing. Writing articles led to graphic design. Graphic design led to me being interested in the multimedia field. Then I decided to go to school and got one degree in multimedia and the other in communications and film. I am now making an impact, and my voice is going to people around the world. -working in the background. I have lost my desire to be at the forefront. It doesn't matter to me. The only thing that matters is that the work is done, and now I see that not being able to public speak and lead was actually by God's providence, and it was the GREATEST blessing to me."

Side Note: I eventually called on the phone Sister Brenda and offered her a chance to do the Sanctuary study she had put together. She declined, and said she was busy helping Brother Presley give his studies and didn't feel impressed to do so at that time. I offered her a second opportunity as is seen the chat below. She again declined to do so, saying she needed to talk to her husband first. Yet in her letter, dated in April 2024, it was represented that I had never offered the opportunity and was still presently blocking her!

Screenshot: DSDA Brenda Perrizo: "I am so happy you are doing this work!" "Praise God. It's my pleasure and it's for all of us. I'm sure you will learn something you've never heard before. Well maybe you have, because you have been around brother Don much longer than I have so he may have given a study on Revelation 14 as extensively as brother Presley has!"

Message from Sister Brenda: "Hi sister Alexia, it's wonderful that there will be Laodicean studies on Wednesday evenings. Whenever there are studies I love to be a participant, it's just not doable, because of an unbelieving husband. Week nights are definitely not a good time having to consider dinner and a short time to spend with him after he's gone for 12 hours. Anyway, I pray that the studies will be effectual and bring in more like minded believers into the Rod message. God bless you, brother Louis and your family 🙏💕"

User Response (circled in blue): "Sister Brenda, I am so happy you are happy. I was going to tell you that this is the perfect forum to give your sanctuary study. I will try to work on a PowerPoint for it. Right now I am doing Brother Obi's for the first Sabbath study. Perhaps you can schedule it way ahead of time so your husband will be okay with you giving it. You do not have to attend weekly to give this study."

User Response: "And may God bless you greatly my Sister!!"

Sister Brenda confronts Sister Hall about not letting her give a study

Brenda's Letter or excerpts were circulated by the Zambian leadership by screenshots or by PDF

2/28/2023

Alexia, just a few minutes of your time. Sister Judy asked me to give a study on , which was originally my idea and I still have that in mind, I just am not led to do it now. But God put on my heart to do a study on the sanctuary and the seven which is lengthy and she told me that I could only have 45 minutes to give a study on. I don't think it's a good idea to do a 2-part study with a whole month in mind. She wants people to give studies, but it has to be what she decides is going to be entered. I've heard some long winded studies she has approved that for me I could read in a newspaper and it did not glorify God. One of them turned into a singing fest. The length of the study should depend on the study's depth so to me not allowing the Holy Spirit to lead and I told her that. Even while I'm okay with studies and putting them on PowerPoint, I like being a part of a discussion with others that contribute after presenting a live study and I grow and am encouraged. Its nature for me to teach and lead and it's a blessing that I'll miss when it's posted. I feel the blessing was stricken from me and I actually cried. This is not the first time I have had an issue on me giving a study that I would like to give so it appears it's going a pattern. Either in her mind it's not the right time or the right study. It's even to talk about. She seems to want to protect and/or indulge others. When you enter to a few, then you will ultimately neglect the rest of the flock.

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me to rewrite it.

I wrote that study for Davidians, which was taken straight out of the Shepherd's Rod and composed it on my accord and was hoping to present it to our members. I sent it to sister Alexia to review it and she sent me some pictures for me to look at to use for the study. She changed her mind and told me it wasn't for Laodiceans and to rewrite it. I took out all the Rod quotes and what was left was a shell of a study. I sent it to her, but at that point, I gave up because she didn't seem interested. I was told by sister Alexia I could present a study sometime on the allocated monthly study schedule, but that has never happened. In fact, a year later it triggered an in depth conversation between us. I explained to her that I was so wanting to present and her conclusion was that I didn't have the right spirit so she obviously didn't want me to give studies. I tried to go through the right channels, but was denied from her and sister Judy to work for the Lord in a way I believe was called to do.

DSDA Brenda Perrizo

Hi sister Alexia, just a few minutes of your time. Sister Judy asked me to give a study on idolatry, which was originally my idea and I still have that in mind, I just am not led to do that right now.

Hi Sis Brenda, sorry for the delay. It's important to remember that we are working as a group, the Executive Council. So it's not just Sister Judy. As I explained, we reserve the monthly studies for our Davidian brothers and sisters and Brother Obi along with Sis. Judy are taking the lead on this. These are objectives we recently set because these are the needs of the Davidian brethren right before us.

It may seem to you that Sis. Judy is running the show, but I can assure you that we have been meeting and talk weekly about what we need to focus on and do.

I hope you would still be willing to help, and as we discussed, I want to set up a live call for those other studies.

I would say that this may be a test for you to understand that we must work together as a group to meet the needs of the people. Not one here, or one there, but together. Can you work with us?

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To reiterate, at this time, members and other Davidians new to Salem are requesting certain studies and are in the valley of decision.

12:08 PM

This is why for this time we are focusing on this.

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At the same time, I am the one working to get all basic Rod studies out, so it would logically make sense for us to work together on those studies.

12:09 PM

I hope this explains things a little better. No one wants to deny you an opportunity to present. That will come in the near future, most likely. Whereas it may have been more open for anyone to present in the past, if you have noticed, it is becoming more structured for a purpose

12:13 PM

We have been working on getting organized in this regard to answer the most urgent requests and need of what is happening in the field.

12:13 PM

Brother Presley is someone who would be good to talk to this about.

12:14 PM

Brother Charles Machala continued

U.S. & Zambian Chairman
Charles, Mom, You

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You
Brother Machala, you messaged Sister Judy for answers and she provided them, now you take issue with how she decides to answer? Go to your leaders then if you want this information from them. Sis Judy did not want to answer you initially and Brother Presley told me that she should. We will not ...

Sr Lexi Thanks for that response, however, if you closely read my message to her you realize it was directed to the council only through her being secretary

10:50 pm

Why did Brother Presley message me, getting after me that she should have responded then?

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Bro Presley neither constitutes the voice of the council unless you tell me there is a problem somewhere in the council

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By the way you sound emotional Sr Lexi is there a problem

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By the way you sound emotional Sr Lexi is there a problem

Please do not assume that I am emotional. I am very direct and to the point; that is how Americans communicate.

10:53 pm

Mom

You never message me before regarding the work that's why I didn't want to answer you. But be it known

projects, so I enlisted my son, whose degree is in business/accounting, to help. It definitely felt like an attack and that everyone was of the same accord; to get rid of me.

After the meeting things cooled down. I was impressed to rejoin my brethren on the chats and was talked to by American council members Bro. Watkins and Sister Judy. They convinced me to keep working but just to have scaled back duties. My mom actually apologized to me and eventually Louis. She told me that everything we had testified was 100% true, that we had helped greatly with the work of God and didn't deserve to be treated with such apathy in our time of crisis (losing our home etc.). But Brother Obi was really upset to hear this. He wanted some type of punitive measure executed against me.

When I came back, I came just in time. My mother informed me that Sister Brenda had sent Brother Presley & Brother Obi her tithe. When we asked them to simply correct her, they would not do it and instead called for a meeting to discuss her concerns. I told them that we had always trusted them implicitly when **Zambian brethren** complained about them, trusting their judgment and letting them handle it. I asked them, "Should we now examine all complaints about you all?"

Before then, we had referred all complaints from **Zambian members** back to the division leadership. I started feeling that this was very unfair, a double standard, and perhaps that I have not been so quick to turn these unhappy brethren away. Brother Obi said, "The U.S. has no leadership in place." I asked him, "Are we not leaders? Do you see us as leaders?" Then he clarified that we had no division leadership therefore we didn't need

to worry about hearing the complaints from the **Zambian field** that had escalated to the Executive Council. But I felt that we did have a right to hear these brethrens' cases because they were in effect, appealing the **Zambian-SA division**.

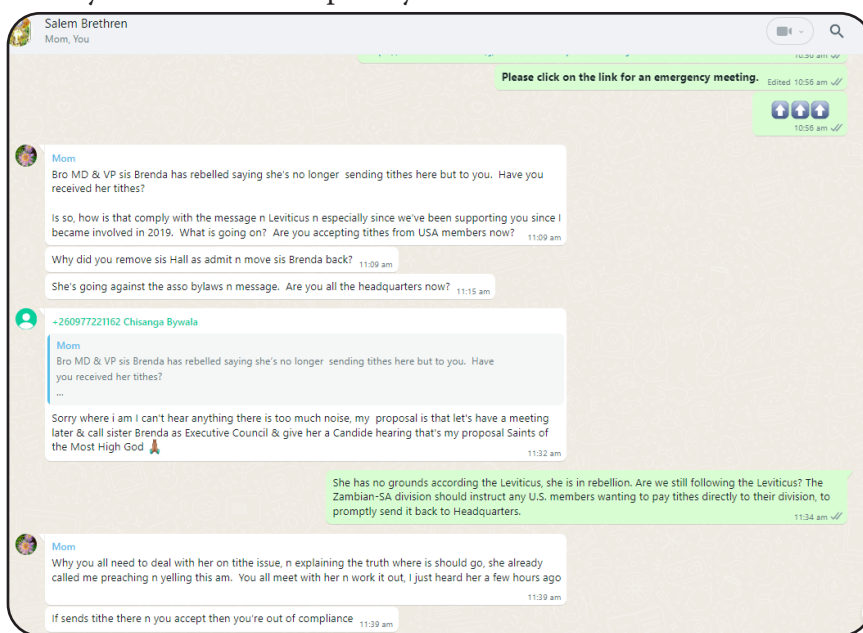
Sunday, April 14th, 2024 Meeting with Sister Brenda & Sister Hall

In the next meeting, Brother Obi made a number of proposals for me to give up all the logins I had for the websites, social media, accounts, etc. and to take some time off. I quickly informed him that I had already given them to Sister Judy and the Zoom login to Brother Watkins so that they could run the meetings as scheduled and continue the ministry. I reiterated that I in no way planned to harm the Association. I also brought up the fact that I had told Brother Presley and Brother Watkins what I was going to do before I did it (write the contract letter) and also the reason I was doing it. Brother Presley agreed with my reasons & told me, "God bless you in this work" and Brother Watkins said that he hoped they would sign my contract. **But no one told the other council members that I had only done the**

contract to apply pressure for the brethren to get to America. Brother Obi was dead set on punishing me or getting rid of me. Brother Presley urged my mom to cut me loose and that he had "people ready in Zambia to take over". During this meeting, Brother Obi interrupted me almost every

time I tried to speak and spoke for long periods of time preaching against me.

Then it was time for Sister Brenda to speak. She complained for what seemed like a long time, mainly about Sister Judy and then me. I was surprised as



I had very little interaction with Sister Brenda. I don't talk on the phone much to members as it takes away from me accomplishing my work, something I learned from Brother Adair. He gave you a study and after his business was done with you, he would say "okay Goodbye!"

The Meeting Refusal by Brother Obi & Presley

The image displays a WhatsApp chat interface for a group named "Get Things Done Crew". The chat history shows messages from "Mom, You" and "Chisanga Bywala". A green bubble contains an agenda for a meeting on 4/30/2024, listing four items: 1. Tithe - The handling of Sis Brenda's rebellion & Receiving of Tithe by Zambian Brethren, 2. U.S Division meeting -- update & feedback with American members, 3. Compliance on residency & VP position, 4. Disrespect of American leaders. A subsequent message from "Chisanga Bywala" states: "Noted with thanks & let's all start praying so that God can chair the meeting & we don't Offend God as we resolve sensitive matters may God be with us all". A response from "Mom, You" asks for clarification on the meeting. A final message from "Chisanga Bywala" explains the refusal to attend, stating that the meeting is illegal and cannot be sustained by the Rod message, and that the decision is made by the Ministerial Director, Council Member, and Minister. The message concludes with a blessing: "God bless you all & I love you so much".

Our Ensample: Paul Names Names & Gives a True Report

Many may be tempted to designate this report to be gossip, but we had to release a lot of the details of this case because of the many false reports circulating the Association membership. As a result, American councilmembers were receiving numerous requests for information. Not willing to turn any out of the way, we give a true report. As an ensample, it is clear the new testament church had many difficulties & conflicts to deal with that are recorded. Acts 15 records a dispute between Peter & Paul over circumcision. Paul & Barnabas clashed. In another instance Paul

writes, "Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.... Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood me". 2 Timothy 4: 12, 14 The point is, as present truth believers sometimes we will have to sort our our conflicts as prescribed in the Leviticus of D.S.D. A. None of us should lose our faith over this. All should be willing to search the scriptures & the Rod *and* the evidence to make the right decision.

she didn't want to do the wrong thing. They accepted the tithe and did not send the money back. It is now July 2024, and we have received no tithe from Sister Brenda since December 2023. Sister Brenda told a lot of half-truths designed to present Sister Judy & me in the worst light. [See Sister Brenda's Letter here.](#)

Some of her many complaints consisted of:

1. She did not believe that I should be paid anything for my full-time employment because I was not an "ordained" minister. She accused me of claiming to be an "ordained minister".

2. She had heard through the rumor mill about my employment contract & said that the "Association was in shambles" and she wouldn't send the tithe to the treasurer anymore. Instead, she would send it directly to Brother Obi & Brother Presley.

3. Sister Judy, the treasurer, once asked her to Zelle me money directly for an emergency situation (and she would credit the amount as charitable giving as it was what she had set aside the amount as tithe) as I was traveling back from Headquarters and ran over a log that was in the middle of the freeway at night. My vehicle was disabled and I had to spend three days in a hotel until it was fixed. Sister Brenda felt she had sinned grievously against God and said she had to repent.

4. She said she was blocked from giving studies by me & Sister Judy, who were controlling the work of God.

5. Sister Brenda wondered if I had "authorization from the Executive Council to assist my mother with treasurer duties.

5. She assumed that the Association's finances had been mismanaged because of a comment I made about the R1 Visa.

To be clear, a council meeting was conducted at the end of 2021, about a month before the session, with the two remaining council members, Brother Watkins & Sister Judy. After the Jones split, and they lawfully voted for me to be on the accounts and help out. I was never acting of my own accord. I also explained in the meeting that Brother Presley had directed me that only he, Sister Judy, and Brother

Obi were to give studies, so I was simply following directives. However, it is being circulated that I had a controlling disposition and some type of vendetta in doing this.

In response to Sister Brenda's allegations, I sent a letter to the council. [Read Sister Hall's Response to Sister Brenda's Allegations.](#) Sister Judy [sent her letter to Sister Brenda](#) in keeping with Article II Sec. 6 No. 15 in Salem's Bylaws. This also was in keeping with the treasurer's duties in the Leviticus.

THE LEVITICUS OF D.S.D.A.

ARTICLE IV--OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 5. The treasurer shall receive all funds of the Association and disburse them in accordance with the examples recorded in the following scriptures: Exodus, chapter thirty-six, verse three; Ezra, chapter eight, verses twenty-one, twenty-four to thirty; Acts, chapter four, verses thirty-five to thirty-seven; and chapter six, verse three.

ARTICLE II--LABORERS' COMPENSATION

Section 1. The compensation and expenses of all laborers in the employ of the Association shall be ***determined and adjusted by the Executive Council.***

Section 2. (a) *The essential working funds* of the Association ***shall consist of tithes and offerings.***

Salem Bylaws:

ARTICLE II Section 6--Invalidated Fellowship Cards

15. Any Davidian in America who holds a valid "vote" or "no-vote" fellowship card is required to send in his monthly tithes and offerings by the second week of the following month. If he does not comply with this requirement, nor sends a letter of explanation to Headquarters, the Vice-President must immediately write to him about it. But if no tithes or a letter of explanation is received by the end of the second week of the next month, the Executive Council must immediately invalidate his fellowship card. The Treasurer must keep a record of all members who paid tithe each month and report to the Vice-President anyone who has not paid their tithes.

8. Any valid card-holding "vote" or "no-vote"

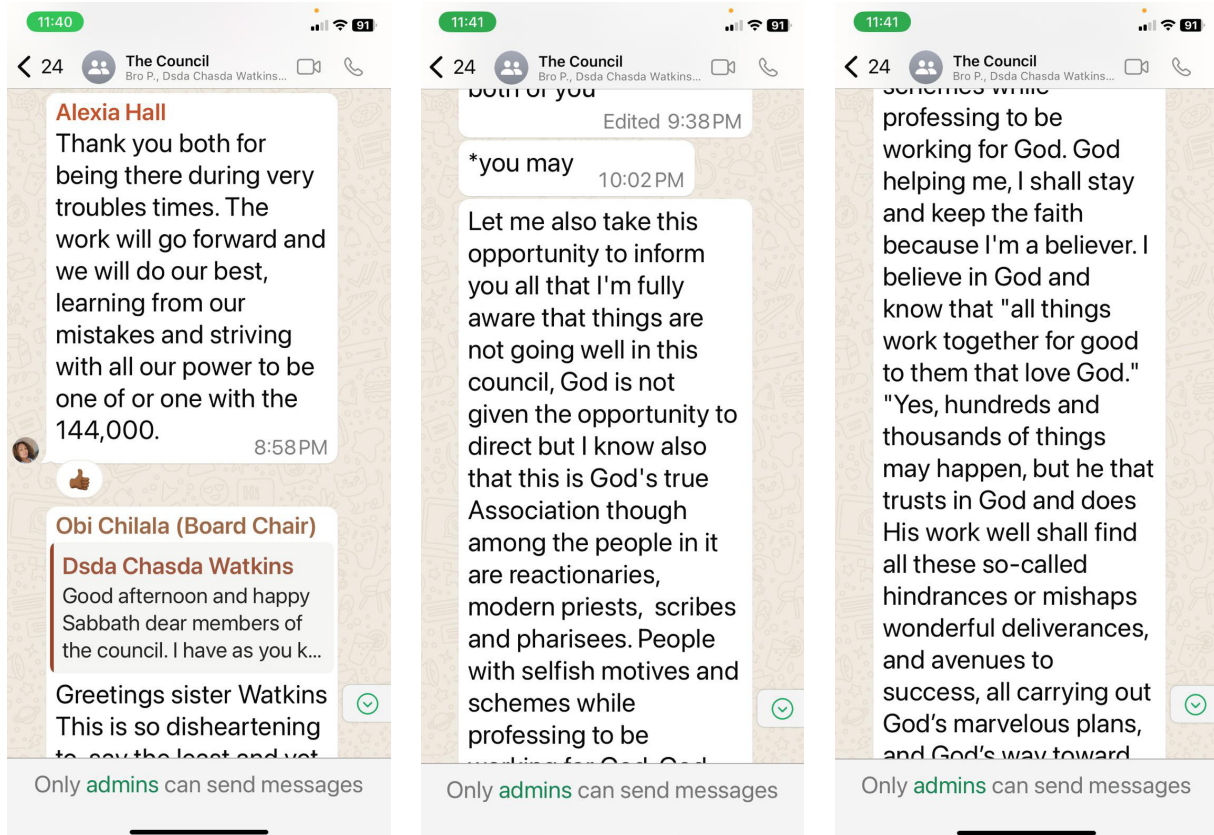
member who fails to comply with all that the message teaches and requires, or who refuses to comply with all the Session's by-laws, must have his fellowship card invalidated by the Executive Council if: (1) the Resident Council has on file written proof of his violations, (2) they have on file a copy of a letter written to him to show him where he has erred and to plead with him to repent, (3) they have on file a copy of a letter sent to him stating the reasons why his card was invalidated, and that he is to return it immediately to Headquarters, (4) they must notify all the Davidians in the next NEWSLETTER of his card being invalidated, (5) they must send copies of all these letters to any valid "vote" card-holding member who asks for them, (6) and they must show all these letters to any valid card-holding "vote" member or any delegate at any regular or special Session, if he asks to see them.

Since our vice president & ministerial director failed to correct Sister Brenda, the secretary-treasurer did it, but she first sent it to Brother Presley Bwalya for him to check it. He never said to hold the letter or not to send it, so she proceeded to send it to Sister Brenda as well.

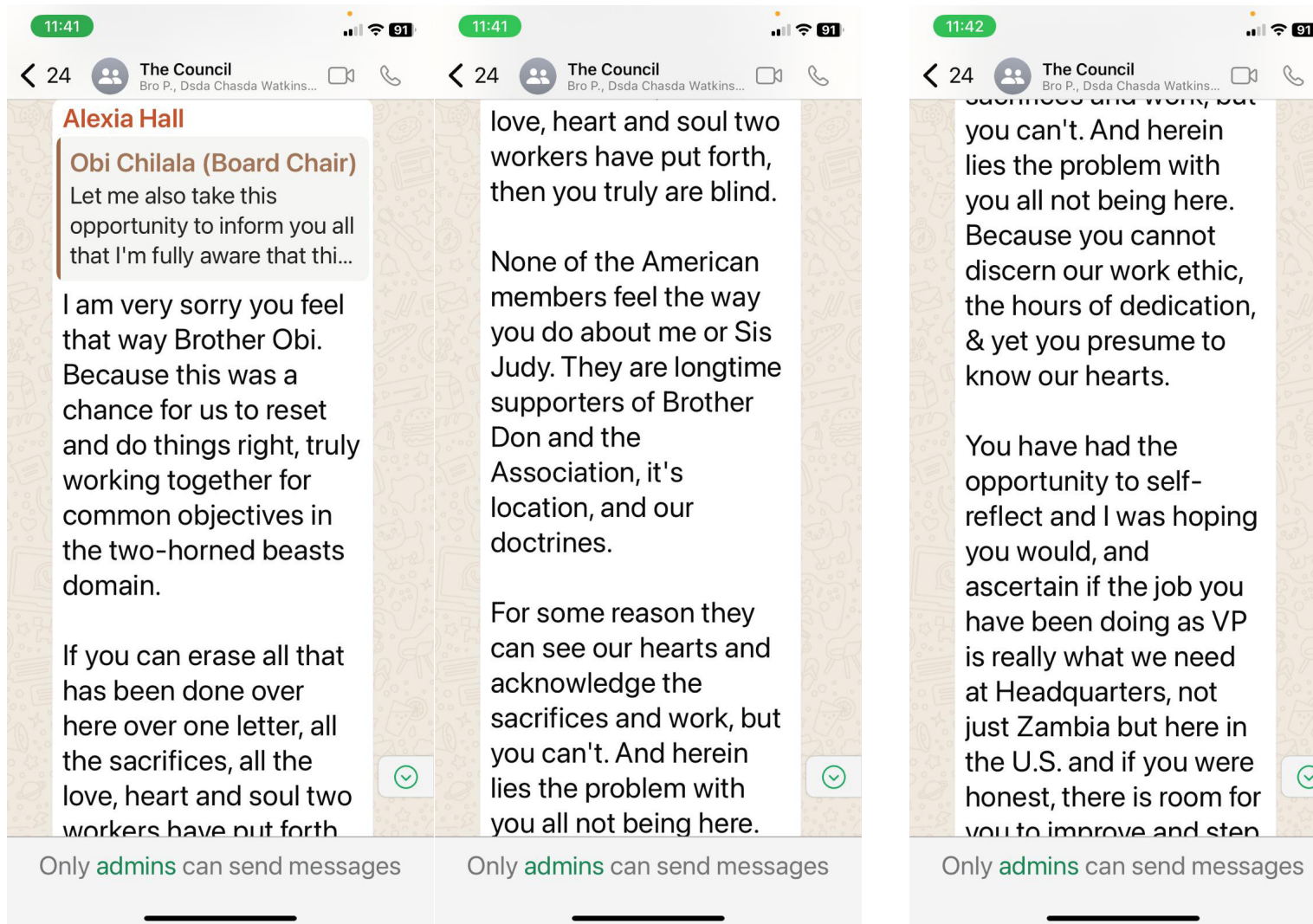
Sister Brenda's accusations were for the most part, totally unfounded. After this meeting, we never heard anything from the Zambian council members. Formerly, they were moving with the utmost urgency when they were trying to vote me out of the council, but this gumption quickly dissipated when the brethren realized that they were caught red-handed, taking the tithe. Then came the avoidance, the multiple threats and the name-calling.

Brother Obi wanted so badly to control the outcome on the council, so much so, he said he had not accepted Sister Watkins' resignation which had happened years before (2021), therefore she was still a council member! But she gave the resignation in writing, thus not fulfilling her position as assistant secretary nor was she consistently, actively involved in the work. Brother Obi felt that Sister Watkins would vote his way. But Brother Watkins was in favor of retaining me as a worker and I was later told he was the only one who did not want to get rid of me directly after I gave the council my letter. (He knew beforehand my letter's intention).

Sister Hall thanks the Watkins & tries to Make Peace, But Brother Obi Insults remaining American council members, calling them "scribes & Pharisees"



Sister Hall's Response to Brother Obi's Insults:



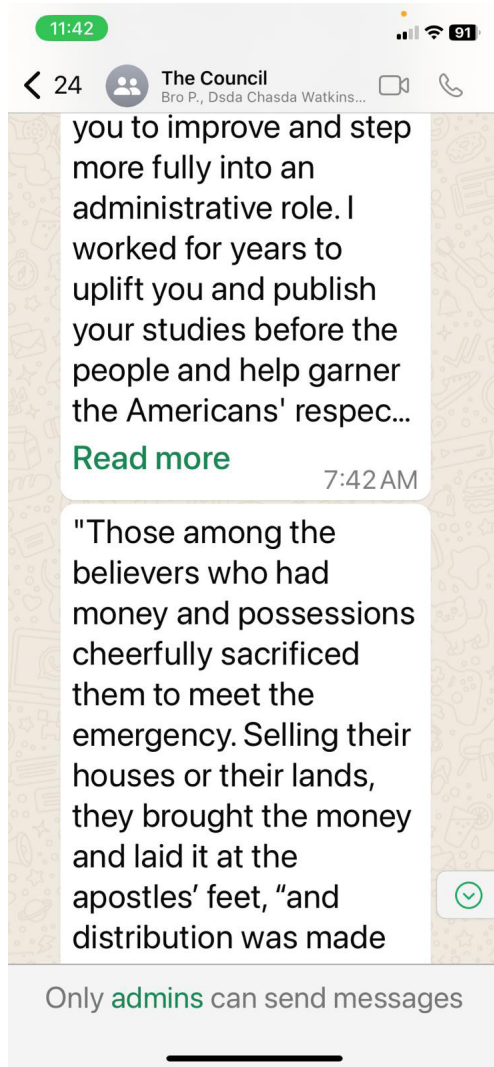
During this time I was praying and fasting and was so worried. **I felt at this time my work would end due to my radical actions.** I was depressed and saddened that my motives were misconstrued, and that I was made out to be an enemy of the Association. In the end, because Brother Watkins resigned, it did not give the Zambians what they needed to vote me off the council! My mother also changed her stance after she had the meeting with my husband and I. **She later said she was convicted by the rebuke I gave the council to do their jobs!** Her and brother Obi did not know that I related prior to brother Presley and Dr. Watkins the purpose and intent of the letter was to get my mother to sell her house etc.

The tithe situation with Sister Brenda was clear and the direction explicit on how it should be handled by the Executive Council. During this interim, Brother Obi, Sister Brenda, & Brother Kenny were posting every day, making innuendos about the situation and using the Rod and the Spirit of Prophecy to

condemn us. They were relentlessly, subversively targeting us with their "sermons". After going through this for a week, Sister Judy asked them to stop now because they were using a dishonest tactic, wrongly applying quotes in an attempt to cover their wrong course before the people.

There was an exchange, and then I removed all of them from the U.S. chat; Brother Obi, Brother Presley, Brother Kenny & Sister Brenda because they had violated the Leviticus and were trying to make their case before the people and justify it. Sister Brenda was made an admin on all Zambian chats, and I was removed as an admin. Sister Brenda then directly attacked Sister Judy on the Eastgate chat and posted private conversations she had with her *added commentary*.

It was then I had to respond and let the membership know what was going on. I wrote a short and to the point message directly to Sister Brenda on that same



chat, that she was not a member in good standing and that she should not have given the tithe directly to Brother Obi & Presley, and they should have never accepted it. It had been a week that they were working hard, trying to influence the masses -with their misapplied, out-of-context references. As a result, my message was promptly deleted and I was kicked out of all Zambian-SA chats, the *Salemite Family*, the *Eastgate*, and the *4th Angel's* chat. This act showed us where their heart was. **At no point did they ever show remorse or try to correct their course.**

Brother Obi & Brother Presley kept on attacking me and Sister Judy privately on the council chat and could not be reasoned with. We received a lot of threats and ugly accusations during this time period. We were accused of scattering the sheep, being troublemakers, and of taking over the Association. Brother Obi said that "Association was not doing well", etc. I thought, "Well, if the

Association was not going well, it has been under the Zambian leadership for these past three years!" We realized that we needed them to be here to administer the Association's affairs, or we needed to replace them with ready American leaders in order to survive financially. We kept on telling them that we still wanted them to lead, but we needed to make changes. Our eyes were open to the cause of the conflict, -that they could not be here! Even though we love our brethren so much, they began to speak to us as if we were enemies. Brother Obi said that Sis. Judy would not be able to do what she did to Kerr to them. He also told Sister Hall that "Jones was right, all you care about is your salary & income!" I told Brother Obi that he was very foolish to let Jones get in his head, for Jones would gladly take his position! I reminded him how Brother Hall and I stood in his defense and had stopped Brother Jones from trying to announce he was the true vice president of Salem at Brother Adair's funeral!

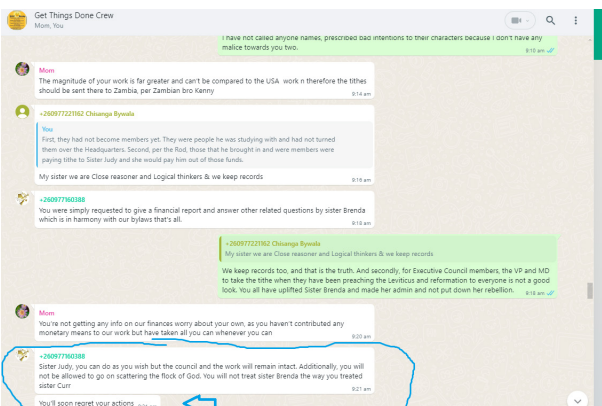
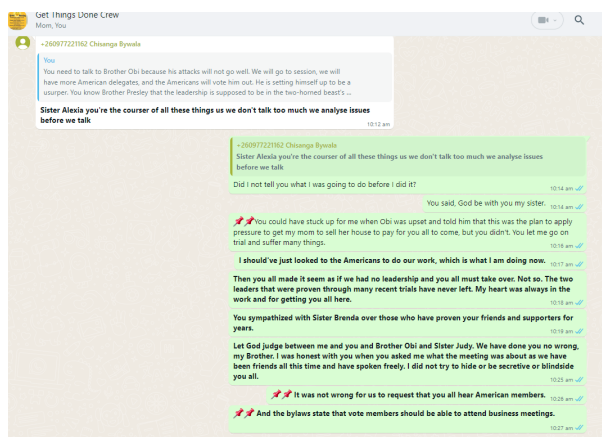
Parallels to Minneapolis Rejection

But Brother Obi continued his efforts to get rid of me, Sister Hall. No one could convince him to see differently. I planned my letter as a rebuke but the lesson was not received by him or Brother Presley, because it was a testimony against them. Let us not be as these men described in the following passage:

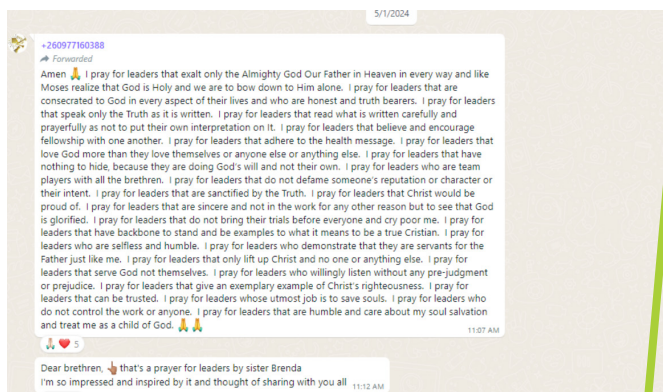
"Some have been cultivating hatred against the men whom God has commissioned to bear a special message to the world. They began this satanic work at Minneapolis. Afterward, when they saw and felt the demonstration of the Holy Spirit testifying that the message was of God, they hated it the more, because it was a testimony against them. They would not humble their hearts to repent, to give God the glory, and vindicate the right. They went on in their own spirit, filled with envy, jealousy, and evil surmisings, as did the Jews. They opened their hearts to the enemy of God and man. Yet these men have been holding positions of trust, and have been molding the work after their own similitude, as far as they possibly could...." Testimonies to Ministers, p. 79.3

"They (the opposers) will be asked in the

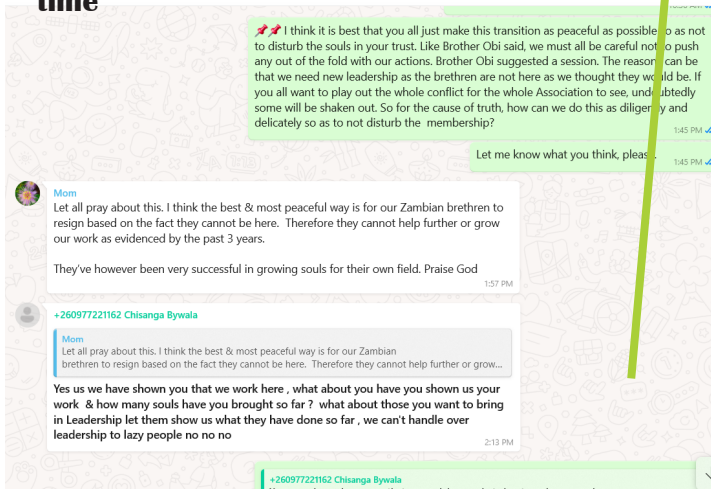
More insults... and accusations

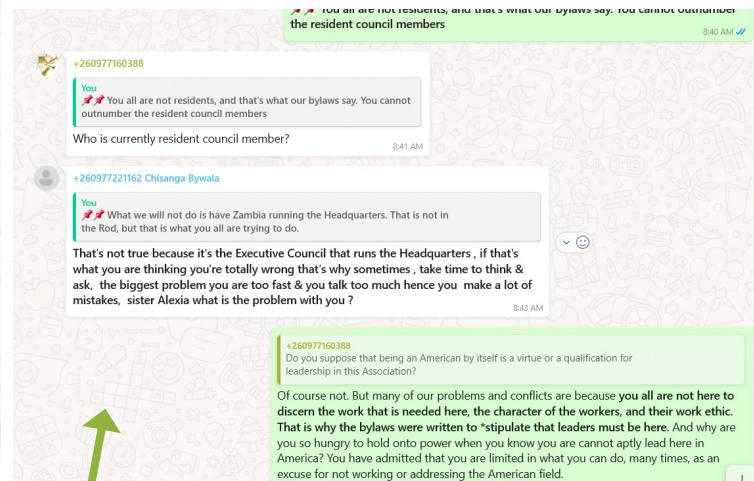
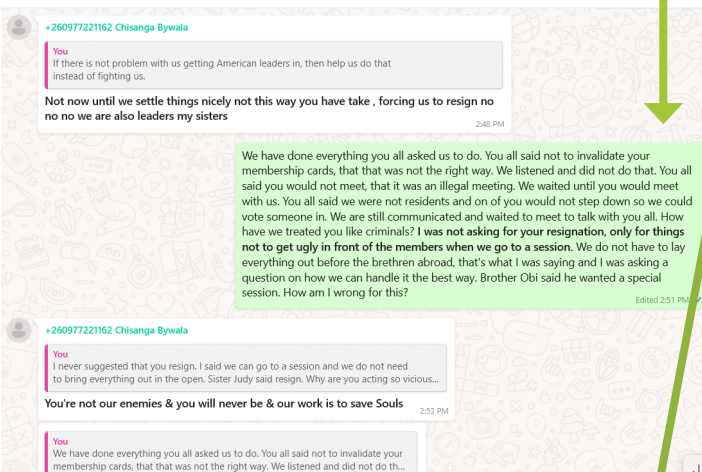
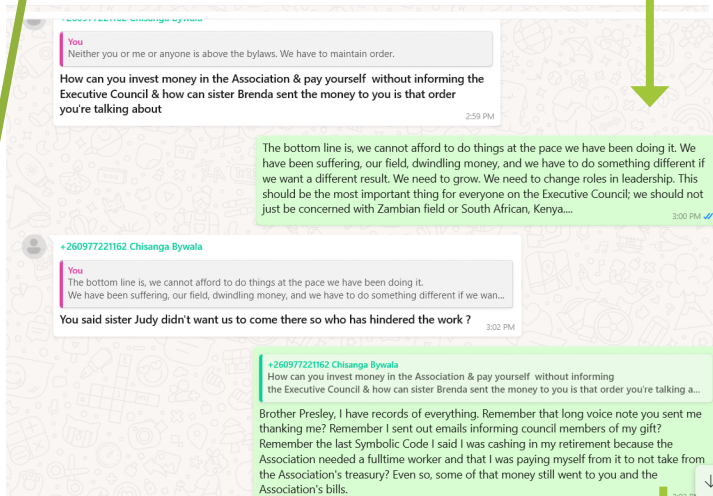
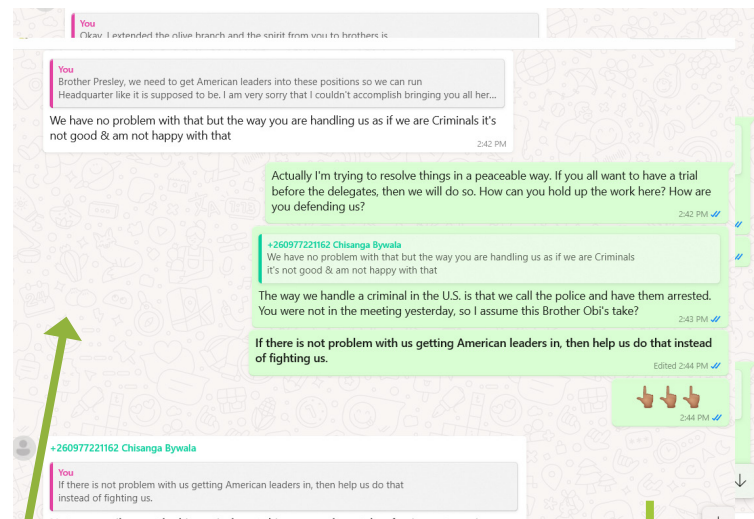


The misapplied sermons & quotes thread



Sister Hall pleads with the brethren one last time





God's Servants Mishandled by Disrespect

“The names of God’s chosen servants have been handled with disrespect, and in some cases with absolute contempt, by certain persons whose duty it is to uphold them.... But these unruly talkers will fasten upon the more disagreeable features of the work, even as the lichen clings to the roughness of the rock. These persons are spiritually dwarfed by continually dwelling upon the failings and faults of others. They are morally incapable of discerning good and noble actions, unselfish endeavors, true heroism, and self-sacrifice. They are not becoming nobler and loftier in their lives and hopes, more generous and broad in their ideas and plans. They are not cultivating that charity that should characterize the Christian’s life. They are degenerating every day and are becoming narrower in their prejudices and views. Littleness is their element, and the atmosphere that surrounds them is poisonous to peace and happiness.

Every institution will have to battle with difficulty. Trials are permitted in order to test the hearts of God’s people. When adversity befalls one of the Lord’s instrumentalities, it will be shown how much real faith we have in God and in His work. At such a time let none view matters in the worst light and give expression to doubt and unbelief. Do not criticize those who carry the burdens of responsibility. *Counsels to the Church*, p. 178

judgment, ‘Who required this at your hand, to rise up against the message, and the messengers I sent to My people with light? Why have you lifted up your souls against God?’ When evidence was piled upon evidence, you did not humble your hearts before God, and repent of your rejection to the message of mercy I sent to you...” (Letter, Jan. 9, 1893)

GCB 1892, May 7th:

“I also saw that if you had accepted their message, we would have *been in the kingdom in two years* from that date (1888), but now we have to go back into the wilderness...”

Oh the fearful results of rejecting a rebuke or correction from God’s messengers! And what happened after this resistance to the light in 1888?

In the weeks following these events, a council member, Brother Watkins (U.S.), resigned and with this resignation the council was automatically in a stalemate, a tie, and could not get anything done. As American members were notified of the problems we were encountering, many of our longtime members were extremely upset at the violation of the Leviticus of D.S.D.A., and immediately demanded a session. Most of us have been in the Association for 20+, 30+ years and we have seen many usurpers come and go. We have seen people try to take over Salem many times! This, tragically, is nothing new to us.

April 29, 2024 First Meeting Request by U.S. Council members - REFUSAL TO MEET

We requested and scheduled a meeting. The Zambians asked for the agenda. We **informed them it was to deal with the tithe being accepted by them and Sister Brenda’s case**. Also on the agenda was for them to hear feedback from longtime Salem members & supporters. **The Zambian council**

members refused to meet, calling it an illegal meeting. Their reason was that it was not just council members and they had not approved them to come. **We then told them that according to our bylaws, vote members could attend meetings.** Beforehand, we had always had guests attend our meetings with no problem. Sister Watkins continued to come to meetings and weigh in long after she resigned.’

After this refusal, it was told both Brother Obi & Brother Presley their membership cards were invalidated per the bylaws by Sister Judy, but they refused to leave their positions, citing they could only be removed by a session. The bylaws give criteria in which membership cards can be immediately invalidated, and Brother Obi & Presley’s actions regarding the tithe, not following the bylaw to write Sister Brenda a letter to correct her (by the vice president) and elevating Sister Brenda to a leader on all Whatsapp chats, fit the criteria.

THE LEVITICUS OF D.S.D.A. ARTICLE I–EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1.

(b) It shall have full *executive* and *administrative* power between sessions of the Association.

(c) It shall be vested with authority to grant credentials and licenses, *and to fill vacancies that may occur in any of the Association’s offices, save the office of President.*

Salem Bylaws:

ARTICLE II Section 4--Valid Fellowship Cards (Vote and No-vote)

4. All Davidians to whom the Executive Council issues “vote” cards must be eligible to receive the following benefits: (1) to attend all religious and business meetings in the field and at any regular or special Session, (2) to vote on all issues at any business meetings in the field and at any regular or special Session, if they are appointed by the

2 Peter 2:1-3:

“But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle...”

Executive Council as delegates (ART. I Sec. 1 O No. 6 and Sec. 11 No. 1) (3) to receive free literature at the Resident Council's discretion, (4) to be eligible (if qualified by the by-laws) to hold local or Executive Council offices, (5) to teach in the name of the Salem Association, (6) to have the right to short visits to the Salem Headquarters (length of time to stay and number of visits limited by the Resident Council, if they have notified the Resident Council of their intentions and received permission to come, and if they pay all of their own expenses to Headquarters, (7) to attend the School of the Prophets classes, if qualified and the Executive Council approves, and (8) to bring charges against another member if done according to by-law procedures (ART. III Sec. 11 # 2,3)

The U.S. membership was upset about the taking of the tithe after so much money was already allocated to them from the U.S. treasury. Some members were telling us that they would stop giving so much if it would still go to them knowing they violated the Leviticus. We all looked at it as particularly egregious because of their senior standing and what they have preached to others.

Gospel Workers, p. 277, par. 2 says: "God's reserved resources are to be used in no such haphazard way. The tithe is the Lord's, and those who meddle with it will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasure, unless they repent. Let the work no longer be hedged up because the tithe has been diverted into various channels other than the one to which the Lord has said it should go."

May 9th, 2024 - 2nd Meeting Request by Sister Judy - MEETING OCCURRED

We asked for [another meeting and they finally met with us and American members](#), but protested the idea that they had to hear from them and that they were even there! We noted many accusations that we were doing things rogue. We nominated two names, Sister Hawkins in Washington (U.S.) & Sister Millie Redding for council member positions. They rejected the opportunity to fill the vacancy in direct opposition to Article I, Sec. 1 (c).

We pointed out the bylaw that shows that the vice president must be in the U.S. at Headquarters, and that we had given Brother Obi only 1 year to arrive in America to allow time for his visa to process.

Salem Bylaws:

ARTICLE III Section 7–Duties of the Vice-President (Resident)

1. The Vice-President is to “**assist the President in administering the affairs of the association**” (THE LEVITICUS, page 6), but in the temporary or permanent absence of the President, he becomes responsible for “**administering the affairs of the Association**” until another President is “called and chosen” of God. (ADD? “The vice president shall, in accordance with the example recorded in Exodus, chapter seven, verses one and two, assist the president in administering the affairs of the Association.” The Leviticus of The Davidian Seventh-Day Adventists, page 6 Section 3) (THE LEVITICUS, page 6 (b)) in the Kingdom. In “administering the affairs of the Association” **he must sit as Chairman of the Executive Council and be is responsible for executing all the decisions of the Council.** In order to do this he must have full cooperation of each council member. As the chairman and administrator, he must **be in charge of overseeing the different departments and affairs at the Headquarters**, such as; council meetings, answering letters, answering the phone, except private calls, the print shop, building projects, office of Secretary, office of Treasurer, office of other council members, School of the Prophets classes, outside work, **and any other affairs of the Association.**

We are just shy of 3 years since the 2021 winter session, and we needed to restructure leadership to focus on the neglected American field. We pointed out that many of the problems we were having is because he is not here, cannot be reached, slow internet, slow to respond, etc. Brother Obi totally disregarded the bylaw and said that he can do the vice president job from Zambia. [That meeting is on video here.](#) This response/stance was a surprise and completely opposite to us because Brother Obi had used his distance from America as the reason he was not effective in the American field!

During this time, we dealt with more verbal bashing from the Zambian brethren. We continued to have to listen to them blame us and tell us we were scattering the sheep. They called us scribes & Pharisees and levied many threats.

We also had another issue to settle. With the resignation of Brother Watkins the council was at a dead tie. It could not achieve a quorum (majority vote) on any issue, therefore we showed them the bylaw that states resident council members must outnumber council members who do not stay at Headquarters. Sister Judy and I, Sister Hall do reside at Headquarter for part of the year. As you know, Sister Judy lived at Headquarters for years but had to relocate because of our enemies seeking to harass Brother Don. There was also a lack of facilities in this rural part of South Carolina, and we could not find one that could take him. The bylaw that deals with this is:

Salem Bylaws:

ARTICLE I Section 13-14. Election Of The Executive Council

3. If all seven council members cannot be elected at once to serve at Headquarters, then the Council must be divided (resident and non-resident). And if the session delegates divide the Council, **then regardless of the number of members elected, the majority should always be resident (living at Headquarters or nearby within a local phone call) when possible**, while the minority of non-resident members can live elsewhere...

6. If the Association does not have three resident council members and two non-resident council members who are qualified and eligible to serve on the Council, then **the session delegates must elect two resident council members (Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer)** to live at Headquarters or nearby within a local phone call, and the other non-resident council members to live elsewhere....

We asked one of them to vacate the position (we suggested Brother Presley) so we could break the tie and be in compliance. They refused. The council was at an impasse and could not vote on any issues as it

was 2 against 2. We reasoned that since Sister Judy & I spent part of year the living at Headquarters, we could qualify as residents because of the phrase, “when possible” in the bylaw. But Brother Obi & Presley rejected that notion, while at the same time declaring that they were able to lead from Zambia.

3rd Meeting June 11th, 2024

We had another meeting with just council members in which Brother Obi asked for a session and said they would not vacate the positions. He refused for a second time (officially) to vote in additional council members in to fill the vacancies.

Meeting or Session Announcement Request June 12, 2024 by Sister Hall

We asked them if we should meet again or announce the session and had no response from them for almost 3 weeks. We then decided as council members, with the encouragement of American leaders, **to follow the procedure to announce a session**. We could not get anything done, could not vote, could not move forward with our plans for American council members and division leaders. ***We felt strongly this was by design. The delays caused by the Zambian council members were unwarranted, unethical, deceitful and a detriment to the work carrying on in the U.S. They were also directly in opposition to Salem’s bylaws & the Leviticus.***

We have been called Leviticus breakers and rebels, but we urge those who are honest to see that we have tried many avenues to reach our Zambian council members!

Sabbath June 30th, 2024 - Symbolic Code Released by Headquarters

The Symbolic Code, Vol, 24, No. 1 was released to American & Zambian members via Whatsapp. The Symbolic Code featured a transcript of a study by Brother Adair on Ezekiel’s River. Also included, was a report from the U.S. field by Sister Hall and interesting articles about women in leadership.

Sunday July 1st, 2024 - Response by Zambian Division, Brother Obi, & Brother Presley

The next day, on Sunday July 1st, the Zambian-SA division, Brother Obi, & Brother Presley all released official statements condemning the Code and calling it unauthorized. Sister Hall tried to calm all down on the Whatsapp channels and was attacked by various Zambian leaders. Brother Presley also released a statement which included a railing accusation against Sister Hall.

Excerpt of Brother Obi's Statement

ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO REFUSES TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR CONSTITUTION OR ANY DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IS TO BE CONSIDERED A REBEL. THEREFORE, ANYBODY BEHIND THAT CODE CIRCULATING AND PURPORTING TO BE FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SHOULD THUS BE REGARDED BY ALL TRUE AND LOYAL MEMBERS OF SALEM ASSOCIATION. AND BY THAT ACTION, HE OR SHE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIES HIMSELF OR HERSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THEREFORE CANNOT TEACH OR REPRESENT THE ASSOCIATION IN ANY CAPACITY. ANYTHING HE OR SHE MAY DO OR SAY ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL AND AN ACT OF REBELLION BY ALL OUR MEMBERS

LET ALL THE MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION IGNORE AND DISMISS THAT CODE WITH CONTEMPT IT DESERVES

YOURS IN JESUS CHRIST, BRO OBBY CHILALA,
SALEM ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT

Excerpt of Brother Presley's Statement

"Sister Alexia she has identify herself as a latest USURPER , A REBEL and we have to call a Davidian Rebel by her rightful name & any one who is going to follow her is also called a Rebel & an Idol worshipers"

Monday, July 2nd, U.S. Council Members Meet with U.S. Leaders for an Emergency Meeting

After the statements were released and after experiencing increasing hostility from leaders in the Zambia-SA division and lay members, the U.S. leaders implored the U.S. council members, Sister Judy & Sister Hall to put an end to this saga. It was expressed that the actions of Brother Presley, Brother Obi, & Sister Brenda, & Brother Kenny were so egregious and damaging to the sanctity of the organization (based on numerous violations of the Leviticus & bylaws and continued rebellion against them), that these acts could not go unanswered and unpunished. The recommendation was that their membership cards would be **invalidated immediately** through an official letter. The remaining true council members, Sister Judy, secretary-treasurer, & Sister Hall, asst. Vice president voted unanimously to do so, as Brother Obi, Brother Presley, and the division had rejected the protocol for the session: The Symbolic Code, thereby rejecting the session. All of the aforementioned actions of the two Zambian council members showed them to be "unworthy members" and unfit for the Executive council.

What we have witnessed is one of the worst cases of attempting to usurp the entire association & the leaders whom God chose to lead the work in the U.S. One cannot in one breath say they believe in the eastgate, its location, and that God has taken the reins, etc. and then with the next breath say it's "under siege" and being "led astray" by "usurpers" who are in control! Since God established this Headquarters as a divine reorganization after the knockout blow, since 1971, it has never been overrun by usurpers or taken over by anyone unjustly. This is because the message teaches that this is the third & final Headquarters in the U.S. before the last one, the Kingdom.

Announcement for those in Zambian Leadership:

The Zambian division is hereby on notice to see what the individual leaders will do, -whether they will follow the rebellion started by Sister Brenda, Brother Obi, Brother Presley, Brother Kenny, & Zambian-SA division chairman, Brother Machala,

or stay with the Headquarters by adhering to the Leviticus. **Because of the 1) egregious, continued violations and rebellion to our highest governing laws, the Leviticus & corresponding bylaws, 2) top-down, power-wielding, deceptive manipulation of the Zambian-South African Division leaders and people, and 3) the contempt manifested towards fellow council members/leaders when trying to come to a peaceable resolution, their membership cards are hereby revoked.** With the exception of Sister Brenda, your senior standing in God's Association holds serious weight & influence and your adherence or non-adherence to our bylaws have an inestimable effect. We have published the letter of revocation, detailing the specific violations. This public rebuke we tried to avoid, but when the the only lawful means to a resolution was rejected & statements released, our only choice was to execute righteous judgment according to our Constitution.

We should ever remember as Davidians, that the kingdom is a real place; it shall have subjects, territory, and order. People who have learned to maximize their talents & be disciplined like soldiers for God, when the Kingdom is established, will be leaders there too. And if we are so blessed, we will be sealed as one of the 144,000, to be "priest and kings unto our Lord".

Brethren, I could just as easily be in your place, if I sought to hide and not correct my course. I remember when I was rebuked by the council. **I apologized and sought forgiveness. I will probably have to apologize & ask forgiveness again one day! It's being correctable that brings correction.** I am still not perfect, but I know part of the restoration process to God is self-reflection and true repentance, --striving daily to be who God wants us to be. This only happens with the Holy Spirit's prompting. We must be in prayer in & out of season. So brethren, please pray, fast & pray, & ask God to show you your own hearts. **If there is an admission to be made, make it.** Please remember that although man cannot, God sees the inward heart.

We also urge the Zambian-SA Division to refrain from follow blindly their leaders, or they will be subject to the same revocation of membership as they. **What we are calling for is a reorganization of the leadership there.**

To those who are in the "valley of decision" we say, **"Who is on the Lord's side? Take your stand mightily and the Lord God will strengthen & reward you!"**

Prediction Regarding a Purging of Institutions—
The Lord will work to purify His church. I tell you in truth, *the Lord is about to turn and overturn in the institutions called by His name.* Just how soon this refining process will begin I cannot say, but it will not be long deferred. He whose fan is in His hand will cleanse His temple of its moral defilement. He will thoroughly purge His floor.—Letter 4, 1895.

And although I know many are confused and bewildered about how this could happen at Headquarters, let us remember that God's people have gone through a **shaking and sifting** many times throughout the earth's history.

► **This whole incident is revealing who will obey the Leviticus and who will clearly violate it** if they have something to gain, whether it be power or money or status, etc.

► This whole incident reveals who will be *followers of men or followers of God.*

► This whole incident shows *how far* some people will go to keep their positions. It's called a "rule or ruin" mindset. **God allowed it to happen to show us who is who.**

The work of God should always come first.

► Do you think it is God's will or plan to cast **doubt, confusion and fear about supporting Mt. Carmel, where present truth is dispensed?**

► **Do you believe that God can have one true Headquarters on the earth, as He has one true church, the SDA church?**

That being said, I leave you with these thoughts from the prophets:

2 Prophets Explained "Contrary to all Human Planning".

No matter what plans we make at Mt. Carmel, **God can override them through His providence**. If you believe there can only be one true church, then you can believe that there is **one true Headquarters** dispensing present truth. If you believe that this 3rd Headquarters (divinely established by God's providence) is in the eastgate and 144,000 will be one day there, then you can also admit that God has taken the reins in His own hands at Headquarters and His **invisible** chariot is there as **"a base of operations"**.

All this should lead you to the conclusion that even though you try to understand and explain God's work according to your logic, you will be unable to, unless as **good** workers, you have the "divine touch". That means your eyes **must be opened by the Holy Spirit to understand the significance** of these events, --God's providences. **These providences can come through seemingly setbacks, painful conflicts, or -miracles. "All things work together for good"**.

"The Lord will work in this last work in a manner very much out of the common order of things, and in a way that will be contrary to any human planning." "Testimonies to Ministers," p. 300.

"Years ago we were told that "The workers will be surprised by the simple means that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness. Those who are accounted **good** workers will need to draw nigh to God, they will need the divine touch."—Testimonies to Ministers, p. 300 -1TG13, 7.2

10SYM05, 13.1: "In the light of this striking statement, let us wisely recognize that there are more surprises and unexpected moves in store for us. May we always remain flexible enough to permit the Lord to work for us in His own good way. Man may propose but it is God who disposes, therefore let us heed Inspiration's admonition to us to draw close to the Lord and drink more deeply than ever before from the great fundamental truths of this wonderful Davidian message. Only as we do this, and remain resigned to God's will for us, will we be ready for the future out-of-the ordinary events that are surely coming our way.

"Mt. Carmel finds it impossible to carry out man's

plans and the Lord's at the same time. Hence, those who have made their own plans and who come to Mt. Carmel Center, become disheartened and disappointed as soon as they find the work being carried on contrary to their own plans.

"Consequently, the first question that arises in their mind is, What is the matter with Mt. Carmel?

"This may be the result of several conditions. First, because the newcomers are accustomed to do things in an entirely different way than the Lord's way; second, because they cannot realize that the Lord is "taking the reins in His own hands;" third, because they find Mt. Carmel doing things "contrary to any human planning" ("Testimonies to Ministers," p. 300); fourth, because they often think that Mt. Carmel expects too much of them when they join her working force. But if Mt. Carmel Center is not to be different from any other institution in the world, then the world would have no need of it.

"Therefore, let all Present Truth believers reform by walking in the light of the Lord instead of in their own, for we are told by the Spirit of Prophecy that "reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices."--"Review and Herald," Feb. 25, 1902. (Quoted from, "Christ Our Righteousness," p. 154.) --2SYM49, 3.4

1TG Nos. 11,12 13:2 (EN) **We are therefore not to worry about a possibility of anyone's hurting the work of God**. Neither are we to worry about how we are to get to Mount Zion, **but are to make sure to be ready to board the chariot of God when the angels cry out, "All aboard!"** Let us ever remember that those who once wrecked the ancient kingdom and cast out its people, shall now come to build it up and to cast out the horns of the Gentiles who now rule the land, so even our enemies of yesterday God puts working for us today. {1TG11: 13.2}

Sincerely Yours in Christ Jesus our Savior & in Present Truth,

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