

[Dorchester, Massachusetts]
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[To Brother and Sister Howland]

Sunday afternoon. We engaged in meeting. We had (in the forenoon) been arguing some points when we did not see alike, in relation to the sealing angel. Its rising from the east, etc. etc. etc.

Bro. Bates was in trial about publishing the sealing message. We all felt like uniting to ask wisdom from God on the points in dispute also Bro. Bates duty in writing. We had an exceeding powerful meeting. Ellen was again taken off in vision.

She then began to describe the Sabbath light which was the sealing truth, said she, It arose from the rising of the sun. It arose back there in weakness, but light after light has shown upon it until the Sabbath truth is clear, weighty, and mighty like the sun when it first rises its rays are cold but as it comes up its rays are warming, and powerful. So the Sabbath when it arose, its light was faint, but as it has come up, its light and power has increased more and more until its rays are powerful, sanctifying the soul, but unlike the sun it will never set. The Sabbath light will be to its height when the saints are immortal, and it will rise higher and higher until immortality comes. Here I will say this view has corrected Bro. Bates' error on the ascending from the east which was one point of dispute amongst us. You know his view was that the ascending was our going to N. Y. up the canal last Aug. This has ever tried me much. Ellen saw that that was erroneous and that the ascending was not to go from one place up to another, but it was this Sabbath seal rising in light, strength, and glory, and power. She saw many interesting things about this glorious sealing Sabbath which I have not time or space to record. She told Bro. Bates to write the things he had seen and heard and the blessing of God would attend it (i.e.) he was to write the sealing message as it was corrected by her vision. This was an extremely interesting time to me and to us all, for God was correcting errors in the view Bro. Bates had taken of the ascending.

In the evening we had a good free time. Bro. and Sister Nichols seem very strong and free. Sister Temple and Bro. Emons seem strong in the faith. I think they will now stand out free from the confused company in Roxbury and Boston. Now you can see much of the wisdom and goodness of God in delivering us from the snare of the devil. We are all satisfied that the appointment was not right that God was not in it. But still God in answer to prayer has brought good out of the evil.

Bro. Gurney went home this morning. Bro. Bates thinks of going home. We expect to go to Ct. Dear Brethren and Sisters, God has this cause in His own hands. We have a great evidence of this thing in this case I have recorded. He will not let those fall who move honestly. Bro. Bates now sees fully I think his

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error in appointing the meeting. He says this will be a lesson to him in the future, so I hope. Cheer up dear Brethren, the devil has not got us yet. Praise the Lord, we think we are now better prepared to labor in the good cause. Sister Marion [Stowell], Ellen has written a good plain straight letter to your parents Bros. and Sisters, may it be a blessing to them. May the Lord bless you and lead you forth fully from the workers of iniquity. O touch not the unclean and God will receive you. How is my dear little Henry? Now before I mail this I shall tell you where I am going. I want some or all of you to write tell us how Henry is. If letters come, send them if they are of any importance. Love to all. Kiss Henry for me. Whip him if he is not a good boy. That agrees with the good Book.

Yours in hope,
James White

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