

Lecture No. 38

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## . **What Context ?** .

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**No. 1.)** In our last lecture we spoke about people using the excuse of “context” as a tool to sanction a lie, and we used the example of a sentence in *Desire of Ages*, page 568, tenth line up from the bottom, reads, “He (Christ) is today standing at the altar of incense,...” Today we want to dig deeper into these things.

**No. 2.)** There is a prophecy about Jesus, the Christ, which seems to me, the finest example of something being out of context that the Bible affords. As we read these verses, see if you can spot the prophecy about the coming Messiah, before we explain it. Hosea 11:1-3 [When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. \(2\) As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images. \(3\) I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them.](#) Hosea

eleven is a very interesting chapter, as is most of the Old Testament; it all is about the Messiah. Question, were you able to spot the prophecy? For the explanation we look to the first verse, last phrase of that verse, “and called my son out of Egypt.” Notice how the prophecy is “hidden” in the “context” of a discussion about the history of the Jews. We will come back to this point in just a bit. The fulfillment of this prophecy is found in Matthew 2:14-15. “When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: (15) And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.”

**No. 3.)** This prophecy was written about 800 years before the Messiah came, and because the Lord God Almighty is in control of all things, he ordained the events which caused the prophecy to be fulfilled. Why does God work this way? Here is one of his answers, (2 Peter 1:19) “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place....” Are you in a dark place? Do you have questions that need answers? Would you like some light on the subject?, something that will dispel the darkness on your path? We know from Psalms 119:105 that light is sometimes used to mean God’s word. Also, from Psalms 119:135, we know that shine can be used to mean teach. Now we can understand that God uses his sure word of prophecy to instruct us, give us courage, confidence, trust, and peace about the darkness we see as we look into the future.

**No. 4.)** I spoke with a man who was somewhat at odds with my stand on the Spirit of Prophecy. After a time I shared with him the contradiction between the authentic Spirit of Prophecy and the counterfeit over breaking the will of a child. The following are the two opposing sides, first the truth, second the lie of Satan hidden in a book with Ellen's name on it. After which we will show the man's response to it.

**No. 5.)** First we have the original Spirit of Prophecy message from God about how to train up children. “It certainly must bring God's displeasure upon parents when they leave him to do what he has left and commanded them to do. God corrects us when we disobey, and go astray from him; and parents are bound by the word of God to correct their children when they disobey them, and show evil tempers. Check the very first manifestation of passion. **Break the will (but do it with feelings of tenderness, and with discretion), and your children will be far happier for it, and you will be happier.** Your effort will be remembered of God, and he that is so particular as to observe the falling of the sparrow; he that noted and commended Abraham's faithfulness, will not pass by your efforts. He that never slumbers nor sleeps will be ready to aid you with his Spirit and grace, and will reward your feeble efforts.” RH, October 14, 1875 par.7

**No. 6.)** With this we place KJV Bible support. Proverbs 13:24 “He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.” Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:15 “Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.” Proverbs 29:15 “The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.”

**No. 7.)** Now for the lie of Satan, found in the book “Education.” “To direct the child’s development without hindering it by undue control should be the study of both parent and teacher. Too much management is as bad as too little. **The effort to “break the will” of a child is a terrible mistake.** Minds are constituted differently; while force may secure outward submission, the result with many children is a more determined rebellion of the heart. Even should the parent or teacher succeed in gaining the control he seeks, the outcome may be no less harmful to the child. Education p.288.1

**No. 8.)** Here is the man’s response to me about this contradiction. Remember however, we are communicating by email, so he has had some time to think about his response. Here it is: “Your own use of

language has led to some of your stated inaccuracies in the list you shared. **Several instances on your list are not accurately restated in context.** The one about "breaking the will", is an example. We as parents were told, "tenderly break the evil will of your children," **and in the other quote it is telling teachers in school it is not their place to break the will of their students.** Teaching is most successful when conducted in an inspiring, uplifting and hopeful spirit, and teachers are not close enough or can they be best suited for breaking an evil spirit. **Art, you must be much more careful in your work to not repeat inaccurate summations of different circumstances as though they were the same.**

**No. 9.)** There you have it. Now we need to go back to the counterfeit SOP and review what it says in light of what this man has said. Here is the operative part. "To direct the child's development without hindering it by undue control should be the study of both **parent and teacher.** Too much management is as bad as too little. **The effort to "break the will" of a child is a terrible mistake.** Minds are constituted differently; while force may secure outward submission, the result with many children is a more determined rebellion of the heart. Even should the **parent or teacher** succeed in gaining the control he seeks, the outcome may be no less harmful to the child." What we have here is two (2) sentences before the lie, it states **parent and teacher**, then two (2) sentences after the lie it states **parent or teacher.** But this man wants to claim that it is only

about teachers who are not to break the will. This is amazing!

Apparently he only looked at the reference and decided that since it was in the book *Education*, it was only about teachers.

**No. 10.)** This point I want to make clear, the hermeneutic argument about context, context, context, is Satanic. It allows people to claim context, *to the limit they please*, in order to sanction the lie of Satan that is staring them in the face. This is a disease that is endemic with SDAs. I'm going to show you exactly what the problem is, by presenting proof from the authentic Spirit of Prophecy, and show it's harmony with the KJV Bible.

**No. 11.)** From Testimony No.23p.12, and speaking about Laodicean church members, SDAs think they are, “rich in spiritual discernment;” which is the correct understanding of Revelation 3:17. Further, Laodiceans think they are “increased with goods.” Which begs the question, “So what are these goods?” Since the Bible is from God, as also the authentic Spirit of Prophecy, we see a perfect harmony between them both; which harmony is alluded to in No.20p.44; as there we are pointed to Isaiah 28, and shown that the Bible is ten layers deep, whereas the authentic Spirit of Prophecy is only four. In Testimony No.13p.13 is a dream given to Ellen, there, she was inside her home and looking out she saw a procession approaching the house. “**I knew them**

well...” it states. Just before opening the door she took another look, and behold! they now looked like a Catholic procession. One of the proclamations made by the leaders, was, “**This house is proscribed. The goods must be confiscated. They have spoken against our holy order.**” The only goods that were speaking were the books of the Spirit of Prophecy. Therefore we understand that Laodicean SDAs *feel* rich in spiritual discernment, *because*, **they have so many books of the counterfeit SOP.**

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And that is...

**~ The End ~**

of our Presentation for Today,  
**God Bless your Study**

