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Kept By The Power Of God

1 The “Keeping Power” of God

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3 1 Peter 1:5 5 “who are kept by the power of God through faith for
4 salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

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6 Bible Verses

7 1 Pet. 1:5-Kept by the power of God; 1 Sam.2:9-keeps feet of saints;

8 Ps. 37:23,24,28-steps of good man ordered by God; Ps. 125:1,2-saints

9 like Mt. Zion and can’t be moved; Prov. 2:8-preserves way of saints;

10 Isa. 54:17-no weapon formed will prosper; Jer. 32:40-will not turn

11 away but do good; John 4:14-never thirst; 5:24-no condemnation;

12 10:28-30-no plucking away; 17:11,12-kept by father; 17:15-kept from

13 Satan; Rom. 8:31-39-more than conquerors; Php 1:6-He will complete

14 work; Jude 1:1-able to sanctify; 1:24-from falling and blameless;

15 MS17, 1894-marvelous on keeping power!

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17 Ellen White wrote a wonderful article the subject that was never

18 published but deserves to be published—MS17, 1894. The following

19 quotations come from that document:

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21 What we want is a faith that works. It is a living, active principle and

22 moves the whole system. How? Why, when the converting power of

23 God takes hold of a man it brings every organ, every power, every

24 ability into conformity with the will of God. And then what? Why,

25 then the salt has its savor. But if the salt loses its savor wherewith

26 shall it be salted? How shall the world be saved? We cannot afford to

27 disconnect from Jesus Christ. We want the living principle of truth

28 circulating through our minds and through the entire body. . We want

29 to see aright. We want to see as God sees, for Satan is constantly

30 trying to convert the things our eyes rest upon in order that we may

31 see through his medium. We want our eyes sanctified. We want to be

32 just as it is described by the prophet. “Who is blind, but my servant?

33 or deaf, as my messenger?” What kind of blindness is this? It is a

34 blindness that will not allow our eyes to contemplate evil. It will not

35 allow our eyes to rest upon iniquity. It will not grasp the things of

36 sight and lose eternity out of its reckoning. {Ms17-1894.6}

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38 We may think evil, we may continue to keep our minds upon
39 objectionable things, but what does this do for us? It conforms our
40 entire experience to that which we are looking upon. But by beholding
41 Jesus we become changed into His likeness. {Ms17-1894.7}
42 The servant of the living God sees to some purpose. The eyes are
43 sanctified and the ears are sanctified, and those [who] will close their
44 eyes and ears to evil will become changed. But if they will listen to
45 those who will address them and try to lead their thoughts away from
46 God and their eternal interests, then their whole senses are perverted
47 by that which their eyes rest upon. Jesus says, “If thine eye be single,
48 thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy
49 whole body shall be full of darkness.” {Ms17-1894.8}

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51 We can let our minds dwell upon romance and castle-building, and
52 what will it do for us? It will ruin us, soul and body. It is not only the
53 soul, but the body. We cannot afford this. What we want is the deep
54 movings of the Spirit of God. We want to have that power that will
55 enable us to close our eyes to scenes that are not elevating, that are not
56 ennobling, that will not purify and refine us; and we will then keep our
57 ears closed to everything that is forbidden in God’s Word. He forbids
58 us to imagine evil, to speak evil, and even to think evil. {Ms17-
59 1894.9}

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61 Do not go to any human being to pour out your trials of mind and
62 heart, but “Come to me.” Me, the precious Saviour. “Come unto me.”
63 Do not go anywhere else. “I understand all your life and your
64 temptation. I have weighed them.” He that balances the mountains in
65 His hand knows the weight of every trial brought upon every soul, and
66 how much we can endure of that trial that is brought upon us. He says,
67 “Come unto me, for ye shall find rest unto your souls. Take my yoke
68 upon you.” And then He will lift our burdens. We may manufacture a
69 yoke and put it upon our neck, and it galls wonderfully. But do not
70 manufacture a yoke. Take the yoke of Christ. {Ms17-1894.14}

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72 Take my yoke upon you.” And then what? “Learn of me.” “Take my
73 yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart and
74 ye shall find rest unto your souls. Anyone that is meek and lowly of
75 heart is never looking for slights. They never want to be able to
76 reprove this one’s course of action and that one’s course of action.
77 That is not their business. This is the place where they are blind and
78 deaf. {Ms17-1894.15}

79 “Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of
80 heart.” Who will take the yoke of Christ and bear it daily and hourly?
81 Every soul that consents to bear it will—there are no “ifs” about it—
82 find rest to their souls. You need not go groaning up the road that is

83 cast up for the ransomed, because somebody does not appreciate you.
84 He says lifting the burden is meekness and lowliness and there is rest
85 there. “For my yoke is easy.” Now if you are lifting the burden, throw
86 it down. Just lay it off and exchange it for Christ’s yoke. Then He
87 bears one end of the yoke and you bear the other. Shall we not let Him
88 do it? Shall we wrestle ourselves along till we get the whole weight of
89 the yoke? God forbid. There is a rest in Jesus. There is a peace in Him
90 that passeth understanding. We cannot explain it any more than you
91 can explain the wind that moves the leaves of the trees. {Ms17-
92 1894.16}

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94 Where is my hope? Not in emotion and not in feeling, but in the
95 promises of God. You said it, Lord, and I believe you. You said that if
96 I should come to You I would find rest. I have your pledged Word. I
97 am accepted by Thy blood. [Not] apart from Him, but in Christ I am
98 accepted. Satan need not throw his hellish shadow across my pathway,
99 for I do not look at it. I see by faith and cleave right through it into the
100 place where Christ is making intercession for me. {Ms17-1894.21}

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102 When the devil comes with his doubts and unbeliefs, shut the door of
103 your heart. Shut your eyes so that you will not dwell upon his hellish
104 shadow.

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106 I have no time to talk unbelief. It is faith that I must talk. I must
107 strengthen faith by exercise. And then my faith grows as I venture
108 upon the promises of God, and I can grasp more and more. Blessed,
109 blessed Jesus. I love Him because He is comfort and hope and
110 opportunity and resource to me—individual me and individual you. I
111 want that you will consider yourself His property. Set your face as a
112 flint toward Mount Zion. Be determined that there is a treasure there
113 that you can get. {Ms17-1894.24}

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115 God will put a new song [on] your lips when you surrender your will
116 and way to Him. Give yourself without reserve to God. Do not make a
117 single reserve. Not a single compromise with the prince of darkness.
118 Wrench yourself away from him. Cut loose from all that binds you to
119 Satan’s chariot wheels. Do you know what it is to be free in Jesus
120 Christ? I have experienced it. A new heart will He give you and a new
121 song will He put [on] your lips, even praise to God. When Satan tells
122 you to groan, begin to sing. When he tells you to pour out your doubts
123 to him, praise God. {Ms17-1894.26}

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125 I was writing to one that was a backslider once about the matchless
126 depths of the Saviour’s love. He said, “I was listening to the driest
127 discourse I ever heard in my life. I thought I would like to get my soul

128 free and speak for Jesus Christ. I never would tell such a dry story as I
129 have been listening to today. A voice came to me, ‘Why do you not
130 give yourself to Jesus Christ now?’ But my business? I have got to see
131 myself out of my business. ‘But why not give yourself today, just as
132 you are?’” Said he, “It seemed like a ray of light from the throne of
133 God came to me as I said, ‘I will, today. I will come to Him just as I
134 am,’ and then everything was changed. I expected to have to fast and
135 pray and labor, but Jesus took me and He has reigned in my heart ever
136 since.” {Ms17-1894.27}

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138 I am so thankful that we have a Saviour that can take us just as we are.
139 Here is an opportunity to get that faith that works by love and purifies
140 the soul. When we fail He will redeem us, and instead of groaning we
141 ought to glorify and praise God. “Whom, having not seen, ye love; in
142 whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy
143 unspeakable and full of glory.” They were appointed to glorify Jesus
144 Christ. To praise Him with their voices, and to praise Him with their
145 whole being. If we do not do this, we do not meet the mind and the
146 expectations of God. {Ms17-1894.28}

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148 Well, then, will we talk darkness when we have come out of the
149 slough of despond? Where there was no light in the inner chamber,
150 now the sunshine is flashing all through it. Then shall we talk
151 darkness? Come up out of the slough into the upper chamber and talk
152 light. I am going to talk hope and I am going to talk courage, and God
153 grant that the words may sink into some heart that needs hope and
154 courage and grace. {Ms17-1894.29}

155 How many of us have taken into consideration that we are to show
156 forth Him who hath called [us] out of darkness into His marvelous
157 light? It is by living faith that we rest in that [light]. It is by living faith
158 that we rejoice in that light every day. We are not to talk our doubts
159 and trials because they grow bigger every time we talk them. Every
160 time we talk them, Satan has gained the victory; but when we say, “I
161 will commit the keeping of my soul unto Him, as unto a faithful
162 witness,” then we testify that we have given ourselves to Jesus Christ
163 without any reservation, and then God gives [us] light and [we] rejoice
164 in Him. We want to place ourselves under the bright beams of the Sun
165 of Righteousness and then we shall be a light in the world. “Whom
166 having not seen, ye love; in whom, though yet ye see him not, ye
167 rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.” {Ms17-1894.30}

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