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"THE LORD WILL OPEN THE WAY"

A Testimony by J. N. Loughborough

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Shortly after accepting the third angel's message, I was powerfully impressed that I should go and preach the message, but I hesitated until I could accumulate means to support my wife. The business in which I had been successful before accepting the message, with all my endeavors, would not succeed. My funds were very low. I was in a strait. In one of our meetings in Rochester, Sister White had a vision. In relating it she said:

"Brother Loughborough is holding back from his duty to preach the message, trying to get means for his support. The Lord told me to say, 'Decide to preach the message, and the Lord will open the way for your family's support.'"

I went home from that meeting, retired to my bed, and told the Lord:

"I will go and trust in You to open the way for my support." When I made that promise I had but three cents in money, and I knew not where any money would come from. But I was happy.

On Monday morning my wife said to me, "We are out of matches, and I need some thread." I took the three-cent piece out of my pocket, and said:

"Mary, that is all the money I have left. You get one cent's worth of matches, and a skein of thread, and bring me one cent. I do not want to be entirely out of money." She said, "What are we going to do?" I replied, "I am going out to preach, and let the Lord open the way for us as He promised in the vision last Sabbath." She went to her room for an hour's cry, then went to make her purchases. She had been gone but a few minutes, when a strange man called and ordered \$60 worth of sash locks. It was this sort of business I tried to make succeed, but could not. He said, "I will call for them at noon tomorrow, and pay you for them." I only had to take the order to the factory, about two blocks away. My profits on the sale would be over \$30.00, which as prices then were, would buy as much as \$100.00 now.

When my wife returned with the purchases, she found me singing. She said: "You seem to be very happy." I answered, "Yes." Then I told her what had happened. She went to her room for another hour's cry, but this cry was a different kind from the first. She was then a firm believer in the Testimonies.—J.N. Loughborough in Divine Predictions, pp. 25-27.

In conclusion Elder Loughborough made this statement:

With these early experiences on the Testimonies, I saw that according to the Scriptures, one of the strong claims of a true prophet was that what he predicted came to pass. From 1853 to 1868 there was no minister in our ranks

who traveled from State to State with Brother and Sister White more than myself, and I had the privilege of seeing Sister White in "open vision" more than forty times. I have kept count of more than one hundred important predictions made by Sister White that have been accurately fulfilled.

"Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?" Lamentations 3:37.

"All that he saith cometh surely to pass." 1 Samuel 9:6.

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--Ibid.

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pp. 25-27