

## WILL MY NAME BE BLOTTED OUT?

If any name, written in the Lamb's book of life, is blotted out, whose fault will it be? Not the Lord's, surely; for he is not only willing, but anxious, for us to continue in his fellowship.

Similarly, if your name be dropped from the lists of ZION'S WATCH TOWER, remember that it will not be of our intention or desire. Every provision has been made that all of the Lord's people who desire its helping hand along the narrow way to life may have it – for a dollar a year, if they are able to pay, or free, on request, if unable to pay.

Many of "the Lord's poor" deny themselves the visits of the TOWER for various reasons; some, because they "do not wish to go into debt." They overlook the fact that they are already in debt to the Lord, and that the WATCH TOWER is the Lord's, and is held as a trust or stewardship for him, – for his people.

Others "have a little proper pride," as they would say, and do not desire "charity." It seems to us that any pride which would lead us to starve ourselves spiritually would hardly be a *little* nor a *proper* pride, but a very improper pride which would be very offensive in the sight of our Lord. Possibly this is your *test*: possibly the Lord has reduced you to humble you, and, if not humbled by his disciplines, you will be rejected. Remember the Apostle's words, "God resisteth [is opposed to] the proud, but giveth grace [favor] unto the humble." Let us, then, humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, that we may have his grace more abundantly. – James 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:6.

Others will say, – I am not so poor that I cannot afford to pay the small price, but *just at present* I cannot spare the money. Very well, send us a postal card, saying, Please continue my WATCH TOWER for 1899, and expect remittance later. This will be very agreeable to

us. And, if later your prospects should become still less bright, and you write us to that effect, requesting that the debt be *cancelled*, we will do so most cheerfully. Any way, so that we do not lose from our list any who love the Lord and his present truth. In times of adversity you specially need spiritual helps, that your experiences may be profitable, and work out such blessings and graces as will prepare you for an inheritance with the saints in light.

Thus we make the way as clear as possible for all to come to the Lord's spiritual table. But we must insist that each one apply for himself, yearly – otherwise our list would be made up largely of persons who cared little for the truth, and persons removed to other localities, and of the dead.

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