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From:
Office of the Pastorate, and
The Church Board

Christian greetings!

STATEMENT OF FAITH REGARDING THE RECENT ERRONEOUS TEACHING ON OUR PULPIT

The Seventh-day Adventist Church Nairobi Central is part of a global family of Christians who hold the Bible as the ultimate authority, who are united in mission, purpose and belief, regardless of which part of the world they are in. All Adventist congregations share common characteristics that give them a distinct collective identity with this global family of Christians called the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Recognizing the need to lead the members to the cardinal truth through the continuous teaching of the Word and the Church's Fundamental Beliefs which have guided the Seventh-day Adventist Church through the ages; and aware that it is the Devil's scheme to attack the Church of God from every front, hence the need for every believer to be wary of such schemes;

Being cognizant of the Bible teachings on how to relate with heresy and the biblical caution given on this matter (Romans 16:17-18); and desirous of providing the necessary safeguards for members of this congregation to realize deeper spiritual growth through the power of the Holy Spirit and consistent with the counsel by Apostle Paul in Acts 20:28,29; AND in light of some teachings which have recently been presented at our pulpit, in particular, the presentations of the Sabbath of 19th November, 2022; That is, the Preacher's view of God as a prodigal God, dismissing of the investigative judgment, as well as the doctrine of death and resurrection;

The leadership of the SDA Church, Nairobi Central, finds it prudent to reaffirm its position and that of its entire congregation as follows:

We affirm;-

1. **That** The Bible, consisting of the Old Testament 39 books, and the New Testament 27 books only, is the rule of our faith and the fundamental belief No. 1, which states that, "The Holy Scriptures are the supreme, authoritative, and the infallible revelation of His will. They are the standard of character, the test of experience, the definitive revealer of doctrines, and the trustworthy record of God's acts in history. (Ps. 119:105; Prov. 30:5, 6; Isa. 8:20; John 17:17; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Heb. 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20, 21.)";
2. The fundamental belief No.3, which states that "God the eternal Father is the Creator, Source, Sustainer, and Sovereign of all creation. He is just and holy, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. (Gen. 1:1; Deut. 4:35; Ps. 110:1, 4; John 3:16; 14:9; 1 Cor. 15:28; 1 Tim. 1:17; 1 John 4:8; Rev. 4:11.)" As such, God cannot be viewed in a mean manner. In the parable of the prodigal son, Jesus contrasted the behavior, and the character of the sons to their father. Whereas the sons represent sinners and depicted as lost and out of senses, the father is patient, waiting, and abounding in love and mercy. In expression of His character, God is not to be thought as reckless and of the class of prodigals. God is sovereign and in His sovereignty He shows mercy to whoever He wills;



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3. That the Seventh-day Adventist Church believes in a day of judgement at the second coming of Christ. This judgement, however, begins prior to the second advent of Christ. In view of Christ's ministry in the heavenly sanctuary based on Daniel 8:14, and as summarized in the fundamental belief No. 24, the bible indicates a Pre-Advent Judgement famously known as the INVESTIGATIVE judgment. Every case must be determined before Christ's second advent.

"The work of the investigative judgment and the blotting out of sins is to be accomplished before the second advent of the Lord. Since the dead are to be judged out of the things written in the books, it is impossible that the sins of men should be blotted out until after the judgment at which their cases are to be investigated... When the investigative judgment closes, Christ will come, and His reward will be with Him to give to every man as his work shall be".—Great Controversy p. 485.

4. That we believe in the literal resurrection of the dead at the second coming of Christ. Being in Christ Jesus is not resurrection but a decision to accept eternal life. Those who die in the Lord shall live again through the hope of resurrection. Revelation talks of first and second resurrection, all a reality for they who are in Christ Jesus and they who are not. When He returns, the righteous dead will be resurrected, and together with the righteous living, will be glorified and taken to heaven, but the unrighteous will die.

KJV Daniel 12:1-2

"1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. 2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

KJV I Thessalonians 4:16

"16 For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first."

Conclusion

From the aforementioned biblical reality, we, the SDA Church, Nairobi Central therefore disassociate ourselves from the claims made on our pulpit in regards to God, the investigative judgement, and the resurrection of the saints.

May the Lord bless you all as we continue growing in Christ.



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