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## **THE GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES.**

**In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers.** To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import--the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. *There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.* {9T 19.1}

The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be warned, and God's people are to be true to the trust committed to them. *They are not to engage in speculation, neither are they to enter into business enterprises with unbelievers; for this would hinder them in their God-given work.* {9T 19.2}

### **These Messages need not to be removed.**

The bible says, "Remove not the **ancient landmark**, which thy fathers have set. Proverbs 22:28

"Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless: Proverbs 23:10



**...I was shown three steps,--the second, and third angels' messages. Said my accompanying angel, "Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received." ...--Early Writings, pp. 258, 259. (1858.) {CW 53.1}**

**As seventh Day Adventists, we have pillars or landmarks or waymarks that were given us of God which none need to remove.**

The spirit of prophecy answers this question by saying,

“No line of truth that has made the Seventh-day Adventist people what they are, is to be weakened. We have the old landmarks of truth, experience, and duty, and we are to stand firmly in defense of our principles, in full view of the world.--Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 17. {CW 52.3}

“...But the waymarks which have made us what we are, are to be preserved, and they will be preserved, as God has signified through His word and the testimony of His Spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.—2SpTB 59. (1904.) {CW 52.1}

**Our faith in reference to the messages of the first, second, and third angels was correct.** The great waymarks we have passed are immovable. Although the hosts of hell may try to tear them from their foundation, and triumph in the thought that they have succeeded, yet they do not succeed. These pillars of truth stand firm as the eternal hills, unmoved by all the efforts of men combined with those of Satan and his host....--Review and Herald, Nov. 27, 1883. {Ev 223.1}

**The three angels' messages and other pillars of our faith have to be kept before the people.**

Let the truths that are the foundation of our faith be kept before the people. Some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. ... We are now to understand what the pillars of our faith are,--

**the truths that have made us as a people what we are, leading us on step by step.**-- Review and Herald, May 25, 1905. {CW 29.1}

### **But why do we need to understand them?**

**It is because some will seek to replace them with counterfeits**

*"The enemy will set everything in operation to uproot the confidence of the believers in the pillars of our faith in the messages of the past, which have placed us upon the elevated platform of eternal truth, and which have established and given character to the work.*

...The truth for this time is precious; but those whose hearts have not been broken by falling on the rock Christ Jesus, will not see and understand what is truth. *They will accept that which pleases their ideas, and will begin to manufacture another foundation than that which is laid. They will flatter their own vanity and esteem, thinking that they are capable of removing the pillars of our faith, and replacing them with pillars they have devised.* {LS 430.3}

**Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 1 Timothy 4:1-2**

### **Why are to hold firm the pillars of our faith?**

**Read CW 30.2 –our pillars.**

As a people, we are to stand firm on the platform of eternal truth that has withstood test and trial. **We are to hold to the sure pillars of our faith.** The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only true foundation. They have made us what we are. The lapse of time has not lessened their value.

It is the constant effort of the enemy to remove these truths from their setting, and to put in their place spurious theories. He will bring in everything that he possibly can to carry out his deceptive designs. But the Lord will raise up men of keen perception, who will give these truths their proper place in the plan of God. {1SM 201.2}

### **Every pillar is to be strengthened**

The Lord has declared that the history of the past shall be rehearsed as we enter upon the closing work. Every truth that He has given for these last days is to be proclaimed to the world. **Every pillar that He has established is to be strengthened.** We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established. We cannot now enter into any new organization; for this would mean apostasy from the truth.--Manuscript 129, 1905. {2SM 390.1}

**If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?** Psalm 11:3

We are to rebuild the old waste places and restore path to dwell in. Isaiah 58:12

### **How important are the three angels' messages?**

The work of the three angels' messages is to prepare a people to stand in the great day of the Lord.

To prepare a people to stand in the day of God, a great work of reform was to be accomplished. God saw that many of His professed people were not building for eternity, **and in His mercy He was about to send a message of warning to arouse them from their stupor and lead them to make ready for the coming of the Lord.** {GC 311.2}

This warning is brought to view in Revelation 14. Here is a threefold message represented as proclaimed by heavenly beings and immediately

followed by the coming of the Son of man to reap "the harvest of the earth." ,,,{GC 311.3} Read Revelation 14:6-12 then verse 14

Did you know that the three angels' message is the present truth that will prepare you to stand against the false theories of these last days? The manner in which you receive them hangs your eternal destiny.

Christ is coming the second time, with power unto salvation. **To prepare human beings for this event, He has sent the first, second, and third angels' messages.** These angels represent those who receive the truth, and with power open the gospel to the world (Letter 79, 1900). {7BC 978.11}. also see {**CW 29.3**}

## **THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE**

### **What is the first angel's message?**

The first Angel's message is one of the three fold messages which are the last warning to be given to the world. As the name suggests, it is the very first message to be proclaimed.

The first angel's message is reveals the everlasting gospel that has to be preached to all nations and tongues and people. It is a message that calls people to fear God and give glory to the creator of heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

It is also a message that announces the hour of Judgement that is come.

### **Summary of the content in the first angel's message.**

1. Everlasting gospel
2. Fear God
3. Give Him glory
4. The hour of His judgment is come
5. Worship Him

### **Where is the first angel's message found in the bible?**

Revelation 14:6-7

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### **The Introduction to the first angel's message.**

The first angel's message of Revelation 14, announcing the hour of God's judgment and calling upon men to fear and worship Him, was designed to separate the professed people of God from the corrupting influences of the world and to arouse them to see their true condition of worldliness and backsliding. In this message, God has sent to the church a warning, which, had it been accepted, would have corrected the evils that were shutting them away from Him. Had they received the message from heaven, humbling their hearts before the Lord and seeking in sincerity a preparation to stand in His presence, the Spirit and power of God would have been manifested among them... Acts 4:32, 31; 2:47. {GC 379.1}

God has called His church in this day, as He called ancient Israel, to stand as a light in the earth. **By the mighty cleaver of truth, the messages of the first, second, and third angels, He has separated them from the churches and from the world to bring them into a sacred nearness to Himself.** He has made them the depositaries of His law and has committed to them the great truths of prophecy for this time. Like the holy oracles committed to ancient Israel, these are a sacred trust to be communicated to the world... {5T 455.2}

### **What does the “Angel” symbolize?**

The three angels of Revelation 14 represent the people who accept the light of God's messages and go forth as His agents to sound the warning throughout the length and breadth of the earth... {CCh 58.5}

We shall not see literal angels from heaven to proclaim the last warning. “..These angels represent those who receive the truth, and with power open the gospel to the world (Letter 79, 1900). {7BC 978.11}”

The bible says, “But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? Hebrews 1:13-14, Mathew 4:11 , Acts 6:15

An angel is used to represent a minister. Apostle Paul says in Galatian 4:14 that He was received *as an angel of God*, even as Christ Jesus. **The three angels of Revelation 14 represent the people who accept the light of God's messages and go forth as His agents to sound the warning throughout the length and breadth of the earth... {CCh 58.5}**

**Why is the Angel portrayed as flying in the “Midst of Heaven”?**

**The fact that an angel is said to be the herald of this warning is significant. By the purity, the glory, and the power of the heavenly messenger, divine wisdom has been pleased to represent the exalted character of the work to be accomplished by the message and the power and glory that were to attend it.** And the angel's flight "in the midst of heaven," the "loud voice" with which the warning is uttered, and its promulgation to all "that dwell on the earth,"--"to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,"--give evidence of the rapidity and world-wide extent of the movement. {GC 355.2}

...There may at first be only a few here and there who will accept the truth; but when these are truly converted, they will labor for others, and soon, with proper efforts, larger companies will be raised up, and the work will **move forward more rapidly.** {HS 147.2}

## **The Everlasting Gospel**

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The message proclaimed by the angel flying in the midst of heaven is the everlasting gospel, the same gospel that was declared in Eden when God said to the serpent, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel." Here was the first promise of a Saviour that would stand on the field of battle to contest the power of Satan and prevail against him. Christ came to our world to represent the character of God as it is represented in His holy law; for His law is a transcript of His character. Christ was both the law and the gospel. The angel that proclaims the everlasting gospel proclaims the law of God; for the gospel of salvation brings man to obedience of the law, whereby their characters are formed after the divine similitude. {1MR 44.2}

## **What is the Gospel?**

**Gospel=Good News=Glad Tidings** {See Isaiah 61:1-3 Luke 2:8-12}

The first angel has *an everlasting gospel* which Jesus in Matthew 24:14 says that it is *the gospel of the Kingdom*. This gospel is to benefit the poor in spirit. Jesus Christ, during His earthly ministry, said "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to Preach the Gospel to the poor" *See also Luke 4:16-19* {See also Luke 1:18-19}

## **What constitutes the everlasting gospel or the gospel of the kingdom?**

To get a glimpse of what constitutes this gospel, let us find out what Jesus Christ Himself preached concerning the very gospel. The bible says,

“Now after that John was put in prison, **Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God**, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Mark 1:14-15. It is not the gospel of a human earthly kingdom, but the **the gospel of the kingdom of God.**

The gospel message that our Lord preached called the people to forsake sin and come to repentance. It is a message that calls for victory over sin through faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Apostle Peter while with John preached the same gospel that, “**Repent ye therefore, and be converted**, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; Acts 3:19”

If we do not repent, we shall likewise perish (see Luke 13:3) because our sins shall not be blotted out. We thank God because He forgives our sins and if we confess and repent of sins, they shall be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

### **The everlasting gospel is good news of man’s salvation.**

The gospel of salvation brings men to obedience of the law of God, whereby their characters are formed after the divine similitude. God is not willing that any should perish but is long suffering to us-ward that all should believe the gospel- should come to repentance.( 2 Peter 3:9)

This why apostle Paul says that the gospel is **Power of God Unto Salvation and neither is he ashamed of it**. He says, “For I am not ashamed of the **Gospel of Christ**: for it is the **Power of God Unto Salvation** to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the **Righteousness of God** revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. Romans 1:16-17

Question for you.

Are you still ashamed of the gospel? Will you hesitate to preach Christ Jesus and Him alone crucified?

As for us, we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

For in Christ Jesus, the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

**What is the righteousness revealed in our Lord Jesus-the gospel?**

Righteousness is holiness, likeness to God, and "God is love." 1 John 4:16. It is conformity to the law of God, for "all thy commandments are righteousness" (Psalm 119:172), and "love is the fulfilling of the law" (Romans 13:10). Righteousness is love, and love is the light and the life of God. **The righteousness of God is embodied in Christ. We receive righteousness by receiving Him.** {FLB 109.2}

**The everlasting gospel is received freely**

Not by painful struggles or wearisome toil, not by gift or sacrifice, is righteousness obtained; but it is freely given to every soul who hungers and thirsts to receive it. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat;. . . without

money and without price." Isaiah 55:1. "Their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord," and, "This is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord our righteousness." Isaiah 54:17; Jeremiah 23:6. {FLB 109.3}

No man receives holiness as a birthright, or as a gift from any other human being. Holiness is the gift of God through Christ. **Those who receive the Saviour become sons of God. They are His spiritual children, born again, renewed in righteousness and true holiness.** Their minds are changed. With clearer vision they behold eternal realities. They are adopted into God's family, and they become conformed to His likeness, changed by His Spirit from glory to glory. From cherishing supreme love for self, they come to cherish supreme love for God and for Christ. {ST, December 17, 1902 par. 2}

Will you not accept the free gospel today? Look to Jesus as our sin pardoning saviour and live. You do not need to pay for indulgences my friend. Jesus calls you today. Will you deny the crucified saviour in your life? He is standing and knocking at the door of your heart and says "if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Concerning your sins, thus "saith the LORD: **though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.**" **Isaiah 1:18**

God will not force you to receive the gospel but in His tender love for you as a sinner, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. Isaiah 1:19-20"

Likewise the Bible says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36"

## **Why is it called an everlasting Everlasting?**

The bible presents Jesus Christ as a the lamb of God (John 1:29) slain from the foundation of the world.(Revelation 13:8)

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## **The interconnection of the gospel with the law of God.**

...Christ came to our world to represent the character of God as it is represented in His holy law; for His law is a transcript of His character. **Christ was both the law and the gospel.** The angel that proclaims the everlasting gospel proclaims the law of God; for the gospel of salvation brings men to obedience of the law, whereby their characters are formed after the divine similitude. {2SM 106.2}

The law and the gospel are interwoven as warp and woof. Here mercy and truth have met together, and righteousness and peace have kissed each other. We want to come to God's standard...{2SAT 97.2}

...The law, for instance, requires us to love God, to love our neighbor, to be meek, humble, or holy. We feel that we are not sufficient for these things; yea, that `with man this is impossible;' but we see a promise of God to give us that love, and to make us humble, meek, and holy; we lay hold of this gospel, of these glad tidings; it is done to us according to our faith; and the righteousness of the law is fulfilled in us, 'through faith which is in Christ Jesus.'" {GC88 263.1}

### **No Other gospel is to preached.**

But though we, or an angel from heaven, **preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you**, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any [man] preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed Galatians 1:8-12 {1 Corinthians 3:11; Acts 4:12}

### **The gospel is central point of all truth.**

The sacrifice of Christ as an atonement for sin is the great truth around which all other truths cluster. In order to be rightly understood and appreciated, every truth in the Word of God, from Genesis to Revelation, must be studied in the light which streams from the cross of Calvary, and in connection with the wondrous, central truth of the Saviour's atonement. Those who study the Redeemer's wonderful sacrifice grow in grace and knowledge. {5BC 1137.7}

## **Fear God**

*And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God**, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters [Revelation 14:6-7](#).*

## **What is to fear God?**

**Let us read the following scriptures.**

### **Deuteronomy 6:1-2**

“Now these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye go to possess it: *That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee*, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.” See also Deuteronomy 13:4

### **Ecclesiastes 12:13**

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: *Fear God, and keep his commandments*: for this is the whole duty of man.”

From the above scripture, **to fear God is to keep His commandments**. Therefore, the first angel's message calls people to obey God by keeping His commandments.

<b>What is to fear God?</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
Is to hate evil	Proverbs 8:13
Is to sin not	Exodus 20:18
Is to eschew evil	Job 1:1
Is to depart from evil	Proverbs 16:6
Is to perfect holiness	2 Corinthians 7:1
Is to depart from evil.	Proverbs 16:6

## Give Glory to Him

### What is to Give Glory to God?

Before going far, we need to understand what the glory of God is. what is the glory of God? Moses asked God to show him his glory.

“And he said, *I beseech thee, shew me thy glory*. And He said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. Exodus 33:18-19

The glory of God is the same as His name which is His character as it is declared to Moses in Exodus 34:6-7. The bible says,

“And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, *merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands*, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. Exodus 34:6-7”

### How are we to glorify God?

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. {1Corinthians 6:20}

We must glorify God in our lives. But how? The spirit of prophecy says;

“To give glory to God is to reveal His character in our own, and thus make Him known. And in whatever way we make known the Father or the Son, we glorify God (MS 16, 1890). {7BC 979.4}”

We give glory to God when we manifest a Christian life. Then you will ask, what is to be a Christian?

“To be a Christian means to be Christlike... "Learn of Me," the great Teacher says to those who have taken the name of Christian. Keep your eyes fixed on the Model. Do all things for His glory and in and thru the love He has for you. {ST, July 10, 1901 par. 1 }

It is a fearful mistake for men and women to go on day by day professing to be Christians yet having no right to the name. In God's sight profession is nothing, position is nothing. He asks, is the life in harmony with My precepts? There are many who suppose that they are converted but who are not able to bear the test of character presented in the Word of God...HP 20.2

When you say that you are a Christian, you tell the world that you resemble/look like Christ. Do you really fulfil this claim? Are your words and actions Christ's? Do you have the mind of Christ? You have surely misrepresented Christ with your filthy characters. Howbeit in vain have you said you are a Christian? You see how you wound Christ afresh? God will not hold you guiltless by professing to be a Christian and yet you are not. Thus He says, “...I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. Revelation 2:9”

Do you give glory to God in what you dress? What about in your diet? Does the food you eat give glory to God? Is your conversation a glorifying speech unto the lord? If not, other people will copy your bad characters and thus will also not glorify the father in heaven.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

## **The Hour of His Judgment is Come.**

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## **The Judgment**

**In the courts of today**, we have a day when the judge hears from accuser and the accused and also another day when the judge after proper examination of the evidences and the constitution pronounces the verdict and sentence on the one proven guilty and justifying the innocent.

**Likewise, in the divine judgment** we have the Investigative phase of the Judgment {Daniel 7:9-10} where the case of every individual is heard and examined in the light of God's law and Executive phase of the Judgment {2 Peter 3:7; 2:9} when reward and punishment is given according as every man's works have been {Revelation 22:12-15}

## **According to what are we Judged?**

### **According to our Works**

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Rev 20:12-15

For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil. **Ecclesiastes 12:14**

### **Words Spoken**

But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. Mat 12:36-37

### **Unfulfilled duties**

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin. [James 4:17](#)

### **What is the Standard of Judgment?**

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. **So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.** James 2:10-12; Rom 2:12-16; John 12:47-50

The law of God is the standard by which the characters and the lives of men will be tested in the judgment. Says the wise man: "Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment." Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14. The apostle James admonishes his brethren: "So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty." James 2:12{GC 482.2}

## Who is the Judge?

### In the Investigative judgment; it is the Father

Thus was presented to the prophet's vision the great and solemn day when the characters and the lives of men should pass in review before the Judge of all the earth, and to every man should be rendered "according to his works."

**The Ancient of Days is God the Father.** (Daniel 7:9-14); Says the psalmist: "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God." Psalm 90:2. It is He, the source of all being, and the fountain of all law, that is to preside in the judgment. And holy angels as ministers and witnesses, in number "ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands," attend this great tribunal. {GC 479.1-3}

### In the Executive Phase of Judgment; it is the SON

**For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son...** I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. John 5: 22-30

But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the **judgment seat of Christ**. Romans 14:10

## When did 'the Hour of His Judgment' begin?

**"At the time appointed for the judgment--the close of the 2300 days, in 1844--began the work of investigation and blotting out of sins.** All who have ever taken upon themselves the name of Christ must pass its searching scrutiny. Both the living and the dead are to be judged "out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." {GC 486.1}

### **Where and with whom does it begin?**

In the typical service **only those who had come before God with confession and repentance, and whose sins, through the blood of the sin offering**, were transferred to the sanctuary, had a part in the service of the Day of Atonement. So in the great day of final atonement and investigative judgment **the only cases considered are those of the professed people of God**. The judgment of the wicked is a distinct and separate work, and takes place at a later period. "Judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel?" 1 Peter 4:17. {GC 480.1}

As the books of record are opened in the judgment, the lives of all who have believed on Jesus come in review before God. Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and closes with the living. Every name is mentioned, every case closely investigated. Names are accepted, names rejected. When any have sins remaining upon the books of record, unrepented of and unforgiven, their names will be blotted out of the book of life, and the record of their good deeds will be erased from the book of God's remembrance. The Lord declared to Moses: "Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My book." Exodus 32:33. And says the prophet Ezekiel: "When the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, . . . all his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned." Ezekiel 18:24. {GC 483.1}

## **The terrible scene of judgement.**

Saith Ellen G. White;

“On the morning of October 23, 1879, about two o'clock, the Spirit of the Lord rested upon me, and I beheld scenes in the coming judgment. Language fails me in which to give an adequate description of the things which passed before me and of the effect they had upon my mind. {4T 384.1}”

**The great day of the execution of God's judgment seemed to have come.** Ten thousand times ten thousand were assembled before a large throne, upon which was seated a person of majestic appearance. Several books were before Him, and upon the covers of each was written in letters of gold, which seemed like a burning flame of fire: "Ledger of Heaven."

**One of these books, containing the names of those who claim to believe the truth, was then opened.** Immediately I lost sight of the countless millions about the throne, and only those who were professedly children of the light and of the truth engaged my attention. As these persons were named, one by one, and their good deeds mentioned, their countenances would light up with a holy joy that was reflected in every direction. But this did not seem to rest upon my mind with the greatest force. {4T 384.2}

**Another book was opened, wherein were recorded the sins of those who profess the truth.** Under the general heading of selfishness came every other sin. There were also headings over every column, and underneath these, opposite each name, were recorded, in their respective columns, the lesser sins. {4T 384.3}

**We are now living in the great Day of Atonement.** In the typical service, while the high priest was making the atonement for Israel, all

were required to afflict their souls by repentance of sin and humiliation before the Lord, lest they be cut off from among the people.

In like manner, all who would have their names retained in the book of life should now, in the few remaining days of their probation, afflict their souls before God by sorrow for sin and true repentance. There must be deep, faithful searching of heart. The light, frivolous spirit indulged by so many professed Christians must be put away. There is earnest warfare before all who would subdue the evil tendencies that strive for the mastery.

### **Everyone will be investigated**

The work of preparation is an individual work. We are not saved in groups. The purity and devotion of one will not offset the want of these qualities in another. Though all nations are to pass in judgment before God, yet He will examine the case of each individual with as close and searching scrutiny as if there were not another being upon the earth. Everyone must be tested and found without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. {GC 489.3}

**Solemn are the scenes connected with the closing work of the atonement.** Momentous are the interests involved therein. The judgment is now passing in the sanctuary above. For many years this work has been in progress. Soon--none know how soon--it will pass to the cases of the living. In the awful presence of God our lives are to come up in review. At this time above all others it behooves every soul to heed the Saviour's admonition: "Watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is." Mark 13:33. "If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." Revelation 3:3. {GC 490.1}

## **What follows after the investigative judgment?**

When the work of the investigative judgment closes, the destiny of all will have been decided for life or death. Probation is ended a short time before the appearing of the Lord in the clouds of heaven. Christ in the Revelation, looking forward to that time, declares: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:11, 12. {GC 490.2}

## **Worship Him**

*And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and **Worship Him** that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. [Revelation 14: 6-7](#)*

## **Who is to be worshipped?**

**Only God, the Creator - Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.**

## **Who is the creator?**

The Bible says in Isaiah 45:18 that "For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; ***God Himself that formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.***" Also read Nehemiah 9:6-7

Let us now read John 1:1-4,14

The “Word” which became flesh without which was not anything made that was made *is Jesus Christ*.

God the Father testifying of the son as the creator of heaven and earth says, “....Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom....And, *Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands* (Hebrews 1:8, 10)”

Therefore, the fear, worship and glory depicted in the first angel’s message of Revelation 14:6-7 should be given to Jesus Christ.

**Does God the Father recommend us to worship the Son-Jesus Christ?**

**Yes. Let us find out. The bible says;**

“And being found in fashion as a man, He[Jesus Christ] humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

*Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him*, and given Him a name which is above every name: *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow*, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and [things] under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:8-11.

When *every knee should bows* down at the feet of our Saviour, God the father is glorified in so doing.

**Relating a vision concerning this, the messenger of the Lord Ellen G. whites says;**

The great Creator assembled the heavenly host, that He might in the presence of all the angels confer special honor upon His Son. The Son was seated on the throne with the Father, and the heavenly throng of holy angels was gathered around them. *The Father then made known that it was ordained by Himself that Christ, His Son, should be equal*

*with himself; so that wherever was the presence of His Son, it was as His own presence.* The word of the Son was to be obeyed as readily as the word of the Father. His Son He had invested with authority to command the heavenly host. *Especially was His Son to work in union with Himself in the anticipated creation of the earth and every living thing that should exist upon the earth.* His Son would carry out His will and His purposes, but would do nothing of Himself alone. The Father's will would be fulfilled in Him. {1SP 17.2}

### **Why is God to be worshipped?**

Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and **worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.** [Revelation 14:7](#)

### **Because He created**

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me. Among the gods *there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works.* All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. For thou *art* great, and doest wondrous things: thou *art* God alone Psalms 86:7-10 See also: Ps 95:3-5; Ps 96:5

no creature, whether living or non-living should be feared, given glory or worshipped. for doing so is a violation of the first and second commandments.

The first angel's messages points us to another important point. "**worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.**" The creator is revealed in the creation story and also in one of His ten commandments. After creating all things, the Lord rested on the Seventh Day.

*"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.*

***And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it:*** because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. *Genesis 2:1-3*

The fourth commandment is the one that shows us who this creator is. it says:

***“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*** Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: *But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God:* In it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: ***For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*** Exodus 20:8-11”

God declares that when His Sabbath is honored as sacred and holy, it is to His people a sign between Him and them, whereby they may know that He is that doth sanctify them. "Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you." God has set it apart to be devoted to holy service. It is His memorial of Creation. *By His creative power, God is distinguished from all other gods that are worshiped. The Sabbath is a public token by which the world may recognize the true and living God.* If they obey Him and reverence His holy day, the Sabbath is a continual sign between Him and them, a pledge that He will recognize and fulfill His covenant. {5MR 123.2}

For details about the Sabbath, Read the Book entitled, “THE THIRD ANGEL’S MESSAGE” But before you even go there, the true Bible Sabbath is Saturday not Sunday.

## **Reception and practice of the first angel's message prepares you for the reception the second angel's message.**

Many look with horror at the course of the Jews in rejecting and crucifying Christ; and as they read the history of His shameful abuse, they think they love Him, and would not have denied Him as did Peter, or crucified Him as did the Jews.

## **Reception and rejection at the first proclamation.**

... All heaven watched with the deepest interest the reception of the first angel's message. But many who professed to love Jesus, and who shed tears as they read the story of the cross, derided the good news of His coming.

*Instead of receiving the message with gladness, they declared it to be a delusion. They hated those who loved His appearing and shut them out of the churches.*

**Those who rejected the first message could not be benefited by the second; neither were they benefited by the midnight cry,** which was to prepare them to enter with Jesus by faith into the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary. And by rejecting the two former messages, they have so darkened their understanding that they can see no light in the third angel's message, which shows the way into the most holy place.

I saw (says Ellen G. White) that as the Jews crucified Jesus, *so the nominal churches had crucified these messages*, and therefore they have no knowledge of the way into the most holy, **and they cannot be benefited by the intercession of Jesus there.** Like the Jews, who offered their useless sacrifices, *they offer up their useless prayers to the apartment which Jesus has left;*

And Satan, pleased with the deception, assumes a religious character, and leads the minds of these professed Christians to himself, working

with his power, his signs and lying wonders, to fasten them in his snare. Some he deceives in one way, and some in another.

He has different delusions prepared to affect different minds. Some look with horror upon one deception, while they readily receive another. *Satan deceives some with Spiritualism.* He also comes as an angel of light and spreads his influence over the land by means of false reformations. **The churches are elated, and consider that God is working marvelously for them, when it is the work of another spirit.** The excitement will die away and leave the world and the church in a worse condition than before. {EW 260.1}

### **God's mercy in the first Angel's message.**

To prepare a people to stand in the day of God, a great work of reform was to be accomplished. God saw that many of His professed people were not building for eternity, and in His mercy He was about to send a message of warning to arouse them from their stupor and lead them to make ready for the coming of the Lord. {GC 311.2}

This warning is brought to view in Revelation 14. Here is a threefold message represented as proclaimed by heavenly beings and immediately followed by the coming of the Son of man to reap "the harvest of the earth." ,,,{GC 311.3}

Did you know that the three angels' message is the present truth that will prepare you to stand against the false theories of these last days? The manner in which you receive them hangs your eternal destiny. Don't you see how God is merciful to give us such a message that will enable us to prepare for eternity? Will you not praise the name of the Lord our God for this Cause?

*Dear reader*, the destiny of thy soul hangs upon how you will receive first Angel's message. When this message was proclaimed in 1843 that "the hour of God's Judgement is come," some religious systems rejected it and were left in darkness. They were then not benefited by Christ's ministration in the most holy place. Those who accepted the message later on went with Jesus Christ by faith in the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary.

Today, people's faith is still in the holy place which Christ left since October 22, 1844(Daniel 7:9, 10, 13, Revelation 3:7-8 Revelation 10:19,) As we live in the antitypical day of atonement, we should be afflicting our souls by earnest prayer and fasting.

When some religious systems rejected the first angel's message, a second angel was sent in the summer of 1844 having in his an inscription "*Babylon is fallen is fallen...*" Those religious systems had fallen from the truth of the first Angel. Likewise, the second angel's message remarkably applies to all religious systems in our day who will reject the first angel's message. For details about this second angel's message of Revelation 14:8, read our book entitled "THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE."

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