

# 3AM MINISTRIES



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

The third angel's message is one the three fold Angels' messages which are the last warning to be given to the world. As the name suggests, it is the third message to be proclaimed following the second angel's message.

It is a message that identifies the beast, its mark and its image and warns people from worshiping that beast and his image, and cautions them from receiving *his* mark in their forehead, or in their right hand.

The third Angel's message also reveals the destruction of those who will worship and receive the mark of the beast. It is a message that specifies the punishment of those who will pay homage to the beast. It shows the wrath of God which shall be poured out to them without mixture.

It is also the message which identifies the remnant church which keeps the commandments of God and has the faith of Jesus.

Lastly, the third angel's message is a message of mercy. For it is a warning. Is it not love that makes our God to warn us from undertaking a path that leadeth to destruction? How many of you will desire not to be warned? Don't you acknowledge God's mercy in this message?

### **Where is the second Angel's message found in the Bible?**

The third Angel's message is found in Revelation 14:9-12.

Note; verse 12 of Revelation 14 is part of the third angel's message.

Below is the third angel's message.

*“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,*

*The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:*

*And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. **Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.***

### **When was the third angel’s message first preached?**

The first and second messages [Revelation 14:6-8] were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated to those who are seeking for the truth. By pen and voice we are to sound the proclamation, showing their order and the application of the prophecies that bring us to the third angel’s message. There cannot be a third without the first and second. . . . {CTr 338.3} Manuscript 32, 1896. {CW 26.2}

### **Who is the angel proclaiming the third message?**

I was shown that the third angel proclaiming the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, [See Revelation 14:9-12.] represents the people who receive this message, and raise the voice of warning to the world to keep the commandments of God and His law as the apple of the eye; and

that in response to this warning, many would embrace the Sabbath of the Lord. {CET 87.2}

If ever there was a time in the history of Seventh-day Adventists when they should arise and shine, it is now...

**No voice should be restrained from proclaiming the third angel's message.** Let none, for fear of losing prestige with the world, obscure one ray of light coming from the Source of all light. It requires moral courage to do the work of God for these last days, but let us not be led by the spirit of human wisdom. The truth should be everything to us. Let those who want to make a name with the world go with the world. {CTr 358.3}

...A banner has been placed in our hands, upon which is inscribed, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." This is a distinct, separating message,-- a message that is to give no uncertain sound. It is to lead the people away from the broken cisterns that contain no water, to the fountain of living waters.--Letter 60, 1898. {CW 102.2}

### **Children are not exempted.**

"In the last days, children's voices will be heard proclaiming the message. As Christ in the temple solved the mysteries which priests and rulers had not discerned, so in the closing work of this earth, children in their simplicity will speak words which will be an astonishment to men who now talk of 'higher education.'" {PH131 11.3}

### **What is the implication of the angel flying in the midst of heaven?**

The third angel is represented as flying in the midst of heaven, showing that the message is to go throughout the length and breadth of the earth. It is the most solemn message ever given to mortals, and all who

propose to connect themselves with the work should first feel their need of an education, of the most thorough training. Plans should be made and efforts put forth for the improvement of those who anticipate entering any branch of the work. {CT 500.1}

...The third angel is represented as flying in the midst of heaven, heralding to the inhabitants of the world the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. **The third angel's message is to go everywhere.** It is to be proclaimed by the human agent, and it becomes everyone who hears to be attentive to the heaven-sent message, and in no case to be careless, to refuse to hear or receive it; for it is a message from God to man. ... {RH, April 25, 1893 par. 8}

### **Does the proclamation of the third angel require academic qualifications?**

Thus the message of the third angel will be proclaimed. As the time comes for it to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service. The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, the inroads of spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power--all will be unmasked. By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these..... {GC606.2}

### **What is the implication of the angel crying with a loud voice?**

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. Isaiah 58:1

**Psalm 40:9-10 Ezekiel 3:17-21 Micah 3:8-12 Isaiah 40:9-10 Isaiah 56:10**

### **What is the beast?**

The word “beast” as used in prophecy is symbolic. The Bible is its own interpreter and thus no human wisdom is required to interpret prophetic symbols. I therefore call your attention to the only authorized KJV Bible so that we can examine the meaning of the term beast. Let us start from the book of Daniel 7 where Daniel in the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon saw **four distinct beasts in** the night vision.

What were these four beasts?

“Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. **And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.** (Daniel 7:2-3 )

### **The First Beast.(Daniel 7:4)**



The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings:...

### **The second beast.(Daniel 7:5)**

And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and [it had] three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.



### The third beast. (Daniel 7:6)

After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.



### The fourth beast (Daniel 7:7)

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.



### **The little horn comes out of the ten horns. (Daniel 7:8)**

I considered the horns, and, behold, **there came up among them another little horn**, before whom were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn **were eyes like the eyes of man**, and a mouth speaking great things.



The symbols introduced in Daniel's vision are,

- the four winds,
- the sea,
- four great beasts,
- ten horns, and
- another little horn which had eyes and a mouth, and rose up in war against God and his people.

**We have now to inquire what they denote.**

- Winds, in symbolic language, denote strife, political commotion, and war. Jeremiah 25:31-33:
- The Bible definition of sea, or waters, when used as a symbol, is peoples, and nations, and tongues. In proof of this, see Rev.17:15,

### **What is the interpretation of the four great beasts?**

The definition of the symbol of the four beasts is given to Daniel at the close of the vision. Let us read it what Daniel says.

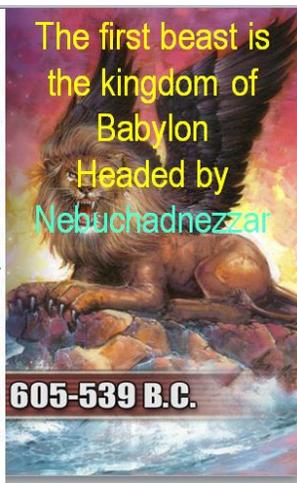
“I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. **These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.** (Daniel 7:16-17)

The Angel continued to explain to Daniel concerning the fourth beast and said, “...The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. Daniel 7:23”

From the time of Daniel to the end of this world's history, there were to be but four universal kingdoms, as we learn from Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great image in chapter 2. Daniel was still living under the same kingdom which he had declared, in his interpretation of the king's dream, to be the head of gold. **The first beast** of this vision must therefore denote the same as the head of gold of the great image, namely, the **kingdom of Babylon** and the other beasts the succeeding kingdoms shown by that image.

## The first beast.

At first the lion had eagle's wings, denoting the rapidity with which Babylon extended its conquests under Nebuchadnezzar. At this point in the vision a change had taken place; its wings had been plucked. It no longer flew like an eagle upon its prey. The boldness and spirit of the lion were gone. A man's heart, weak, timorous, and faint, had taken its place. Such was emphatically the case with the nation during the closing years of its history, when it had become enfeebled and effeminate through wealth and luxury.



## The second beast.

This kingdom was composed of two nationalities, the Medes and Persians. The same fact is represented by the two horns of the ram of chapter 8.



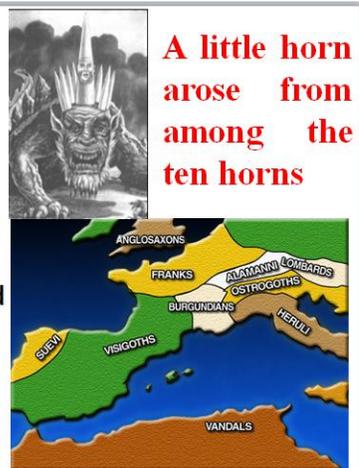
## Third beast.

The leopard had four heads, the rough goat four horns, the kingdom was to have four divisions; and thus it was. (See Daniel 8.)



## The fourth beast.

The fourth beast is the Roman Empire which first ruled as pagan Rome and then divided into the ten nations which Daniel describes as ten horns which are the ten kings, or kingdoms, which should arise out of this empire.



**The bible has firmly assured us that the “beast” in bible prophecy is a king according to Daniel 7:17 or a kingdom according to Daniel 7:23**

**Let us now go back to the third angel’s messages in Revelation 14:9-12 to examine the beast which has the mark and whose image would be formed.**

The last warning is given by the third Angel with a loud voice saying, *“If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb...”*

### **What beast is being addressed which has a mark?**

In revelation 13, we find there two beasts. The first beast is mentioned in verses 1 to 10 and the second beast is described in verses 11 to 16. According to the Bible, it is the first beast of Revelation 13 that has the mark and the Bible foretells that the second beast shall exercise all the power of the first beast before him, and shall cause the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

### **What is the first beast of Revelation 13?**

#### **Revelation 13:1-10**

In chapter 13 (verses 1-10) is described another beast, "like unto a leopard," to which the dragon gave "his power, and his seat, and great authority." This symbol, as most Protestants have believed, represents the papacy, which succeeded to the power and seat and authority once held by the ancient Roman empire. Of the leopardlike beast it is

declared: "There was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies. . . . And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." This prophecy, which is nearly identical with the description of the little horn of Daniel 7, unquestionably points to the papacy. {GC 439.1}

### **What is the little horn of Daniel 7?**

Only the papacy fulfills the description of the little horn. The little horn of Daniel 7 and the first beast of Revelation 13 undoubtedly point to the Papacy.

### **What shows that the little horn and the first beast of Revelation 13 is the papacy?**

**1. The little horn comes up among the ten kingdoms.**

- *The papacy existed and grew among ten kingdoms.*

**2. It is called a little horn. .(Dan 7:8)**

- The papacy's territory(Vatican) is small

**3. The little horn rises after the 10 kingdoms(after 476A.D Ver 24)**

- *The papacy rises to power in 538A.D which is after 476A.D*

**4. The little horn destroys 3 of the ten kingdoms. .(Dan 7:24)**

- *Under the papal influence, 3 kingdoms were destroyed. Heruli destroyed in 493A.D, Vandals in 534A.D and finally Ostrogoths in 538A.D*

**5. Little horn speaks great words against the most high.(Dan 7:25)**

- The papacy speaks blasphemy against God by claiming to be equal with God (2Thessalonians 2:3-4) and that the pope can forgive

sins. This is why John the Revelator sees upon the papacy's head the name of blasphemy (Revelation 13:1)

### Note

- Claiming to be one/equal with God is Blasphemy (John 10:30-33) and assuming the prerogative of forgiving sins is also blasphemy (Mark 2:5-7)

*Pope Leo XIII*

*Encyclical letter dated June 20th, 1894*

*"We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty"*

*"The Catholic National" - July 1895*

*"The pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ Himself, hidden under the veil of flesh"*

Aren't the above, the claims of the popes of the Roman Catholic Church?

### **6. The little horn thinks to change times and laws of God. (Dan 7:25)**

- *The papacy has attempted to change the law of God. The second commandment, forbidding image worship, has been dropped from the law, and the fourth commandment has been so changed as to authorize the observance of the first instead of the seventh day as the Sabbath. But papists urge, as a reason for omitting the second commandment, that it is unnecessary, being included in the first, and that they are giving the law exactly as God designed it to be understood. This cannot be the change foretold by the prophet. An intentional, deliberate change is presented: "He shall think to change the times and the law." The change in the fourth commandment exactly fulfills the prophecy. For this the only*

*authority claimed is that of the church. Here the papal power openly sets itself above God. {GC88 446.2}*

**7. The little horn reigns for "time and times and the dividing of time." (Dan 7:25)**

- *Did the papacy possess dominion during this length of time? The answer is, Yes. The edict of the emperor Justinian, dated A.D.533, made the bishop of Rome the head of all the churches. But this edict could not go into effect until the Arian Ostrogoths, the last of the three horns that were plucked up to make room for the papacy, were driven from Rome; and this was not accomplished, till A.D.538.*

*Power was given unto him(the papacy) to continue forty and two months.(Revelation 13:5)" And, says the prophet, "I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death." And again: "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword."*

- *-The forty and two months are the same as the "time and times and the dividing of time," three years and a half, or 1260 days, of Daniel 7:25.*
- *... This period., began with the supremacy of the papacy, A.D. 538, and terminated in 1798. [For 538 + 1260 = 1798].At that time, the pope was made captive by the French army, the papal power received its deadly wound, and the prediction was fulfilled, "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity. Rev 13:10" {GC 439.2}*
- *The infliction of the deadly wound points to the downfall of the Papacy in 1798. After this, says the prophet, "His deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast." Paul states*

plainly that the man of sin will continue until the Second Advent. . . . In both the Old and the New World, the Papacy will receive homage in the honor paid to the Sunday institution, that rests solely upon the authority of the Roman Church. . . . {FLB 329.4}

**8. The little horn made war with the saints of the most high. (Daniel 7:25)**

- *Her spirit(of the papacy) is no less cruel and despotic now than when she crushed out human liberty and slew the saints of the Most High. {GC 571.1}*
- *No other power could be so truly declared to have shed the blood of the saints of God” as that Roman Catholic church which has so cruelly persecuted the followers of Christ during the dark ages.*

**9. The little horn was diverse from other horns.**

- For the 1260 years, the papacy held both religious and political powers which no other kingdom held. This makes it diverse from the other kingdoms.

**10. The little horn had eyes like the eyes and a mouth.**

- *The Roman catholic hierarchy has a man as the head with a title of the pope.*

Before looking at the mark of the beast, let us first confirm that the first beast is the papacy by using its number.

**The number of the beast?**

**The number of the beast is different from the mark of the beast.** The number of the beast is used to identify who the beast is but the mark of the beast shall be enforced by law that people should receive it in their right hand or forehead.

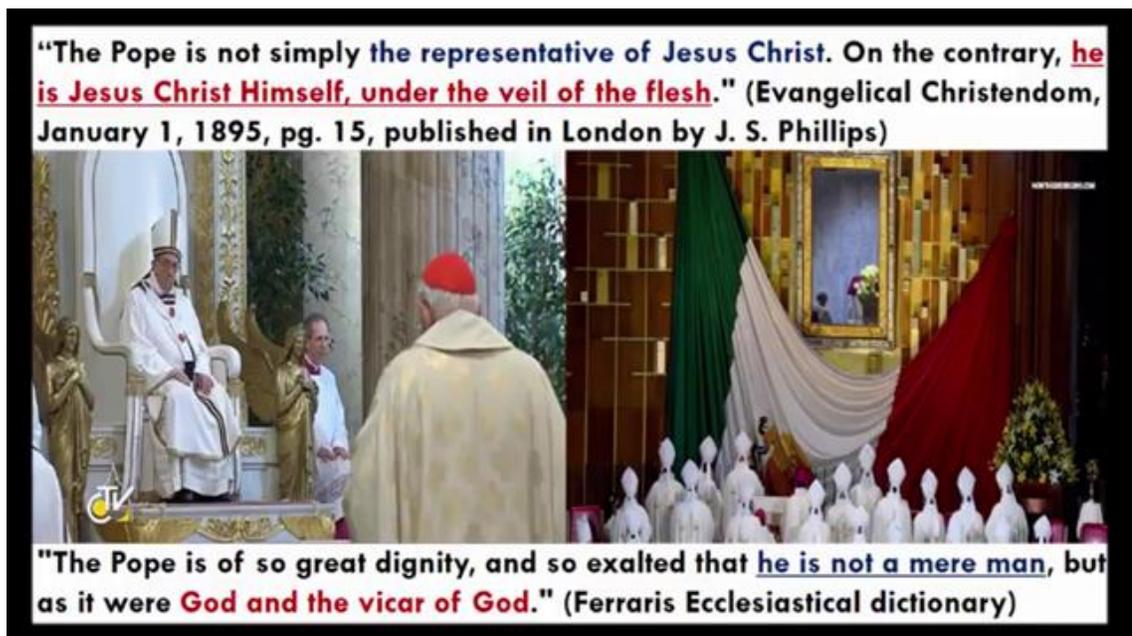
## Note

People shall be forced to receive the mark of the beast/papacy not its number. Take heed of this lest you be deceived.

The first beast has a number and a mark. The mark and the number are different. For the number is a number of man and it is six hundred, three score and six(666). “See Revelation 13:18” The number is the one which identifies the first beast.

The Bible says; it a number of his name. **The papacy is the only system that fulfils this scripture. The letters of his name/title (VICARIUS FILII DEI) inscribed the pope’s mitre make up the numerical sum of 666.** This title of the pope (VICARIUS FILII DEI) is a Latin phrase which means vicar/substitute of the son of God.(substitute of Jesus)

The catholic church opposes the scripture which says that “For there is one God, and **one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus**; 1 Timothy 2:5” and in blasphemy it presents the pope (whom apostle Paul calls the man of sin-2 Thessalonians 2:3-4) **as the vicar or substitute of Jesus Christ. Look at the blasphemy in the picture below.**



Here is wisdom, says the Bible, “**Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.** Revelation 13:18”

Let us count the number.

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Before examining what the mark of the beast or the mark of the papacy is, something important should be noted.

"The terms sign, mark or seal, of God are used interchangeably in scripture. We read in Romans 4:11 that Abraham received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith and in Ezekiel 9:4 that "...set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof." Also Read Revelation 7:1-3.

The mark or seal of the living God that will be placed in the forehead of His true and faithful people **is not a literal mark** to be placed in the flesh/forehead but it is a religious observance which will serve as a mark

of distinction between the worshippers of God and the worshippers of the beast.

The spirit of prophecy says;

As the Sabbath was the sign that distinguished Israel when they came out of Egypt to enter the earthly Canaan, so it is the sign that now distinguishes God's people as they come out from the world to enter the heavenly rest. {FLB 33.2}

### **What is the Sabbath?**

The Sabbath institution originated in Eden, and is therefore as old as the world itself. In six days the great work of creation had been accomplished; and God "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." The Sabbath was observed by all the patriarchs, from creation down. During the bondage in Egypt, the Israelites were forced by their taskmasters to violate the Sabbath, and to a great extent they lost the knowledge of its sacredness. When the law was proclaimed from Sinai, the very first words of the fourth commandment were, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy," showing that the Sabbath was not then instituted; we are pointed back for its origin to creation. {ST, February 1, 1910 par. 8}

It is the fourth commandment in the Ten Commandments given to Moses in Mt. Sinai. **The Sabbath is the Seventh-Day rest of the week, (Leviticus 23:3) it precedes Sunday but comes after Friday.** (Luke 23:54 Luke 24:1 mark 15:42, mark 16:1-4

The Sabbath of the fourth commandment, sanctified by God, was given to man as the memorial of the creation of the world and all things therein. Ever since the institution of the Sabbath in Eden, Satan has

made a determined effort to destroy this memorial, and in its stead to institute a spurious sabbath, in order that the memorial of God's great and wonderful works might be lost from the mind, and there be brought about a worldwide apostasy against God's law. He well knows that, by leading men and women to disregard the fourth commandment, he has placed them on his side of the controversy; for God says, "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.-  
-Ms 24, 1891, p. 7. (Diary, "Satan's Efforts to Destroy the Sabbath Memorial of the Creation," typed February, 1903.) {5MR 88.1}).

### **The mark of the beast is opposite to the seal of God.**

Like the seal of God which will be placed in the forehead of His people, **the mark of the beast will not be a literal mark** as some suppose it to be a microchip. How do we know this? Because of what the last part of the third angel's message says; '*Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. Revelation 14:12*'

This is mentioned immediately after the warning not to take the mark of the beast. So, those who don't receive the mark of the beast are the ones keeping the commandments of God. Since receiving the seal of God is in obedience to His commandments, receiving the mark of the beast **is to go against** God's commandments.

"The sign, or seal, of God is revealed in the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath, the Lord's memorial of creation. . . . The mark of the beast is the opposite of this,--[the observance of the first day of the week](#). **This mark distinguishes those who acknowledge the supremacy of the papal authority from those who acknowledge the authority of God.**" {RH, April 27, 1911 par. 12}

The change of the Sabbath is the sign or mark of the authority of the Romish church. Those who, understanding the claims of the fourth commandment, choose to observe the false Sabbath in the place of the true, are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded.

**The mark of the beast is the papal sabbath**, which has been accepted by the world in the place of the day of God's appointment. {Ev 234.1}

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**SUNDAY**  
is our mark of authority... the church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath is proof of that fact”  
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(Catholic Record of London, Ontario Sept 1, 1923).

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**His Mark** →

"The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty; for it is the point of truth especially controverted. When the final test shall be brought to bear upon men, then the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve him not. While the observance of the false sabbath in compliance with the law of the state, contrary to the fourth commandment, will be an avowal of an allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God, the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience to God's law, is an evidence of loyalty to the Creator. **While one class, by accepting the sign of submission to earthly powers, receive the mark**

**of the beast, the other, choosing the token of allegiance to divine authority, receive the seal of God.** {RH, April 27, 1911 par. 17}

### **What is to receive the mark of the beast?**

"To receive this mark means to come to the same decision as the beast has done, and to advocate the same ideas, in direct opposition to the Word of God. . . . {RH, April 27, 1911 par. 25}

"If the light of truth has been presented to you, revealing the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and showing that there is no foundation in the Word of God for Sunday observance, and yet you still cling to the false sabbath, refusing to keep holy the Sabbath which God calls 'my holy day,' you receive the mark of the beast.... {RH, April 27, 1911 par. 26}

### **Has anyone received the mark of the beast? If not, when does one receive it?**

Sunday keeping is not yet the mark of the beast, and will not be until the decree goes forth causing men to worship this idol Sabbath. {FLB 286.6}

And it is not until the issue is . . . plainly set before the people, and they are brought to choose between the commandments of God and the commandments of men, that those who continue in transgression will receive "the mark of the beast." {FLB 286.7}

**...When does this take place?--**When you obey the decree that commands you to cease from labor on Sunday and worship God, while you know that there is not a word in the Bible showing Sunday to be other than a common working-day, you consent to receive the mark of

the beast, and refuse the seal of God. If we receive this mark in our foreheads or in our hands, the judgments pronounced against the disobedient must fall upon us. But the seal of the living God is placed upon those who conscientiously keep the Sabbath of the Lord. {RH, July 13, 1897 par. 6}

When Sunday observance shall be enforced by law, and the world shall be enlightened concerning the obligation of the true Sabbath, then whoever shall transgress the command of God, to obey a precept which has no higher authority than that of Rome, will thereby honor popery above God. He is paying homage to Rome, and to the power which enforces the institution ordained by Rome. He is worshiping the beast and his image. **As men then reject the institution which God has declared to be the sign of His authority, and honor in its stead that which Rome has chosen as the token of her supremacy, they will thereby accept the sign of allegiance to Rome,--"the mark of the beast."** And it is not until the issue is thus plainly set before the people, and they are brought to choose between the commandments of God and the commandments of men, that those who continue in transgression will receive "the mark of the beast."--The Great Controversy, p. 449. (1888) {Ev 233.4}

### **Who shall enforce the mark of the beast by law?**

The prophecy of Revelation 13 declares that the power represented by the beast with lamblike horns shall cause "the earth and them which dwell therein" to worship the Papacy--there symbolized by the beast "like unto a leopard." The beast with two horns is also to say "to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast;" and, furthermore, **it is to command all, "both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond," to receive "the mark of the beast." . . .** {FLB 329.2}

**The United States is the power represented by the beast with lamblike horns,** and . . . this prophecy will be fulfilled when the United States shall enforce Sunday observance, which Rome claims as the special acknowledgment of her supremacy. But in this homage to Papacy the United States will not be alone. The influence of Rome in the countries that once acknowledged her dominion, is still far from being destroyed. And prophecy foretells a restoration of her power. "I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast." Revelation 13:3. {FLB 329.3}

God's Word has given warning of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare. {FLB 329.5}

#### **What will make people receive the mark of the beast.**

"The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands, and conformed to worldly customs, will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death. The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men." {RH, April 27, 1911 par. 28}

In the last conflict in the great controversy between good and evil, God has called us to give the final warning to the world. The Christian world are honoring a false Sabbath, and we are to show them its true character and foundation. We must make it plain to them that they are honoring a man-made institution in place of that which God himself has sanctified.

Every rival to God must be made to appear as an idol. Solemn is our responsibility. {RH, January 31, 1893 par. 9} we are to warn people from worshiping an idol Sabbath. Read Revelation 14:9-12

All false worship is spiritual adultery. The second precept, which forbids false worship, is also a command to worship God, and Him only serve. The Lord is a jealous God. He will not Be trifled with. He has spoken concerning the manner in which He should be worshiped. He has a hatred of idolatry; for its influence is corrupting. It debases the mind, and leads to sensuality and all kinds of sin (MS 126, 1901). {1BC 1106.3}

### **The Image of the beast.**

But what is the "image to the beast"? And how is it to be formed? The image is made by the two-horned beast (U.S.A) and is an image to the beast. It is also called an image of the beast. Then to learn what the image is like and how it is to be formed we must study the characteristics of the beast itself--the papacy. {GC 443.1}

An image using an optical knowledge is a representation of a real object, it is a picture. It is a copy of something or somebody as seen in a mirror. A mirror reflects the image of a person standing before it. An image has a likeness of the real object. We are going to use this ideology to understand what the image of the beast is. To understand what the image of the beast is, we must first know how the beast itself is.

### **How was the beast/papacy formed and How will U.S.A form the image the beast/papacy?**

Revelation 13:14-15

When the early church became corrupted by departing from the simplicity of the gospel and accepting heathen rites and customs, she

lost the Spirit and power of God; and in order to control the consciences of the people, she sought the support of the secular power. **The result was the papacy, a church that controlled the power of the state and employed it to further her own ends**, especially for the punishment of "heresy." In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends. {GC 443.2}

It was apostasy that led the early church to seek the aid of the civil government, and this prepared the way for the development of the papacy--the beast. Said Paul:

"There" shall "come a falling away, . . . and that man of sin be revealed." 2 Thessalonians 2:3. So apostasy in the church will prepare the way for the image to the beast. {GC 443.4}

Therefore, for the image of the beast/papacy to be formed, there will again be apostasy in the church. Which church? It is not the Catholic Church to fall from the truth again because it has been in apostasy/fallen state for many centuries.

The religious system that is going to fall is the one that has been professing to hold the Bible truth- the one that has been leading in Protestantism. The Bible declares that before the coming of the Lord there will exist a state of religious declension similar to that in the first centuries. "In the last days perilous times shall come.

Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." 1 Timothy 4:1. Therefore a falling away must occur before the formation of the image of the beast.

**Apostate protestant churches will first unite.**



### **What is the basis of the union of apostate protestant churches?**

The wide diversity of belief in the Protestant churches is regarded by many as decisive proof that no effort to secure a forced uniformity can ever be made. But there has been for years, in churches of the Protestant faith, a strong and growing sentiment in favor of a union based upon common points of doctrine. To secure such a union, the discussion of subjects upon which all were not agreed--however important they might be from a Bible standpoint--must necessarily be waived. {GC 444.2}

**The union of apostate protestant churches is based on such points of doctrine as are held by them in common.** “Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions.

While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. ...{GC 588.1}”

On October 31, 2017 apostate protestant churches went back and joined themselves to Catholicism. This union of protestant churches with the catholic church is not the image of the beast but it is a fulfillment of bible prophecy. For it was foretold according to the spirit of prophecy that “....The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country(U.S.A) will

follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience....{GC 588.1}” The three fold union is a confederacy between apostate protestant churches, the catholic church and spiritualism. (Revelation 16:13-14)

### **The role of U.S.A in the Formation of the image of the beast.**

The prophecy of Revelation 13 declares that the power represented by the beast with lamblike horns shall cause "the earth and them which dwell therein" to worship the Papacy--there symbolized by the beast "like unto a leopard." **The beast with two horns is also to say "to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast;"** and, furthermore, it is to command all, "both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond," to receive "the mark of the beast." . . . {FLB 329.2}

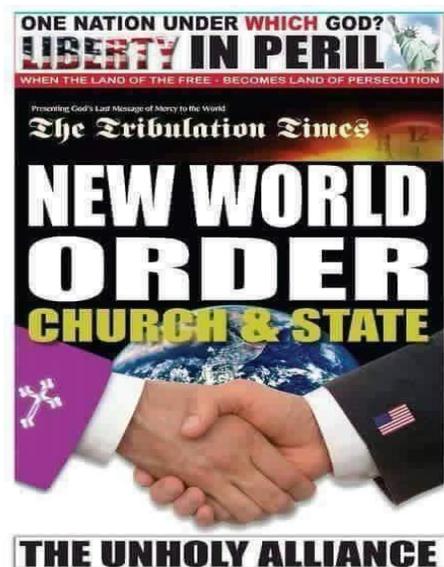
Already preparations are advancing, and movements are in progress, which will result in making an image to the beast. Events will be brought about in the earth's history that will fulfill the predictions of prophecy for these last days (RH April 23, 1889). {7BC 976.1}

When the Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution; when the state shall use its power to enforce the decrees and sustain the institutions of the church--then will Protestant America have formed an image to the papacy, and there will be a national apostasy which will end only in national ruin (ST March 22, 1910). {7BC 976.4}

When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the

state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result. {GC 445.1}

The "image to the beast" represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas. . . . {FLB 286.4}



## The union of church and state

### What does the image of the beast mean unto us?

This is the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed. All who proved their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will receive the seal of the living God. Those who yield the truth of heavenly origin and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast (Letter 11, 1890). {7BC 976.3}

The image of the beast will be formed before probation closes; for it is to be the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.... {Mar 164.2}

**The third angel's message is an important message for you and me. See the next phrase pertaining it.**

**“Here is the patience of the saints...” Revelation 14:12**

As we try dig deeper into the third angel's message, I pray that you may become acquainted with these scriptures more than we know our names! Not only thus, but practice the message by the grace of God.

**What is patience?**

The third angel pronounces other solemn words, “*Here is the patience of the saints...*” but how do the these saints obtain the patience?

The bible says, “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; **And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience;** and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 1 peter 2:5

All those who take heed of the third angel's message must first ask God to give the temperance in order achieve patience. An intemperate man is an impatient man.

**In what must we be temperate?**

It was through intemperate appetite that Adam and Eve lost Eden, and it will be through habits of strict temperance and denial of hurtful indulgences that we shall have calm nerves and mental acuteness to

discern good from evil. **A man who is intemperate, who uses stimulating indulgences--beer, wine, strong drinks, tea and coffee, opium, tobacco, or any of these substances that are deleterious to health--cannot be a patient man.** So temperance is a round of the ladder upon which we must plant our feet before we can add the grace of patience. **In food, in raiment, in work, in regular hours, in healthful exercise, we must be regulated by the knowledge which it is our duty to obtain, that we may through earnest endeavor place ourselves in right relation to life and health.** {19MR 343.1}

**The apostle says we succeed in the grace of temperance that we may add patience.** Patience under trials will keep us from saying and doing those things which will injure our own souls and injure those with whom we associate. Let your trials be what they will, nothing can seriously injure you if you exercise patience, if you are calm and unexcited when in trying positions. {19MR 343.2}

And every man that striveth for the mastery **is temperate in all things**....1 Corinthians 9:25 “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31”

### **Health Reform and the Third Angel's Message**



December 10, 1871, I was again shown that the health reform is one branch of the great work which is to fit a people for the coming of the

Lord. It is as closely connected with the third angel's message as the hand is with the body. The law of ten commandments has been lightly regarded by man; but the Lord would not come to punish the transgressors of that law without first sending them a message of warning. The third angel proclaims that message. Had men ever been obedient to the law of ten commandments, carrying out in their lives the principles of those precepts, the curse of disease now flooding the world would not be. {CD 69.1}

Men and women cannot violate natural law by indulging depraved appetite and lustful passions, without violating the law of God. Therefore he has permitted the light of health reform to shine upon us, that we may realize the sinfulness of breaking the laws which he has established in our very being.

Our heavenly Father sees the deplorable condition of men who, many of them ignorantly, are disregarding the principles of hygiene. And it is in love and pity to the race that he causes the light to shine upon health reform. He publishes his law and its penalties, in order that all may learn what is for their highest good. He proclaims his law so distinctly, and makes it so prominent, that it is like a city set on a hill. All intelligent beings can understand it if they will. None others are responsible. To make natural law plain, and to urge obedience to it, is a work that accompanies the third angel's message. {CTBH 9.1}

### **God's natural way of dealing with Disease.**

#### **The Use of Remedies**

It is not a denial of faith to use such remedies as God has provided to alleviate pain and to aid nature in her work of restoration. It is no denial of faith [for the sick who request prayer for healing] to cooperate with God, and place themselves in the condition most favorable to recovery.

God has put it in our power to obtain a knowledge of the laws of life. This knowledge has been placed within our reach for use. We should employ every facility for the restoration of health, taking every advantage possible, working in harmony with natural laws. --Ministry of Healing, pp. 231, 232 (1905). {2SM 286.1}

### **Use the Means Within Our Reach.**

The idea which you hold, that no remedies should be used for the sick, is an error. God does not heal the sick without the aid of the means of healing which lie within the reach of man; or when men refuse to be benefited by the simple remedies that God has provided in pure air and water. {2SM 286.2}

There were physicians in Christ's day and in the days of the apostles. Luke is called the beloved physician. He trusted in the Lord to make him skillful in the application of remedies. {2SM 286.3}

When the Lord told Hezekiah that He would spare his life for fifteen years, and as a sign that He would fulfill His promise, caused the sun to go back ten degrees, why did He not put His direct, restoring power upon the king? **He told him to apply a bunch of figs to his sore, and that natural remedy**, blessed by God, healed him. The God of nature directs the human agent to use natural remedies now. {2SM 286.4}

I might go to any length in this matter, my brother, but I leave it now with a few instances. [Then follow the accounts of two instances of the use of charcoal. See chapter 30.] {2SM 287.1}

### **God's Remedies.**

There are many ways of practicing the healing art, but there is only one way that Heaven **approves**. God's remedies are the simple agencies of nature that will not tax or debilitate the system through their powerful

properties. Pure air and water, cleanliness, a proper diet, purity of life, and a firm trust in God are remedies for the want of which thousands are dying; yet these remedies are going out of date because their skillful use requires work that the people do not appreciate. Fresh air, exercise, pure water, and clean, sweet premises are within the reach of all with but little expense; but drugs are expensive, both in the outlay of means and in the effect produced upon the system.--Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 443 (1885). {2SM 287.3}

Nature will want some assistance to bring things to their proper condition, which may be found in the simplest remedies, especially in the use of nature's own furnished remedies--pure air, and with a precious knowledge of how to breathe; pure water, with a

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knowledge of how to apply it; plenty of sunlight in every room in the house if possible, and with an intelligent knowledge of what advantages are to be gained by its use. All these are powerful in their efficiency, and the patient who has obtained a knowledge of how to eat and dress healthfully, may live for comfort, for peace, for health; and will not be prevailed upon to put to his lips drugs, which, in the place of helping nature, paralyzes her powers. If the sick and suffering will do only as well as they know in regard to living out the principles of health reform perseveringly, then they will in nine cases out of ten recover from their ailments.--Medical Ministry, pp. 223, 224 (Manuscript 22, 1887). {2SM 287.4}

### **Water Treatments and Simple Herbs.**

The Lord has taught us that great efficacy for healing lies in a proper use of water. These treatments should be given skillfully. We have been instructed that in our treatment of the sick we should discard the use of

drugs. There are simple herbs that can be used for the recovery of the sick, whose effect upon the system is very different from that of those drugs that poison the blood and endanger life.--Manuscript 73, 1908 (Manuscript entitled "Counsels Repeated"). {2SM 288.1}

### **Remedies That Cleanse the System. Seek to Understand Nature's Remedies**

**Any sick person who needs total healing- not just transforming the disease to another form as done by the drugs prescribed by the world doctors whose knowledge is earthly and inspired in the school of christ must understand that there are ten laws of health, each being important as the other. Will you not desire to know these laws and observe them if you must be healthy? Good health is one of the wealth you need.**

Christ never planted the seeds of death in the system. Satan planted these seeds when he tempted Adam to eat of the tree of knowledge which meant disobedience to God. Not one noxious plant was placed in the Lord's great garden, but after Adam and Eve sinned, poisonous herbs sprang up. In the parable of the sower the question was asked the master, "Didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?" The master answered, "An enemy hath done this" (Matthew 13:27, 28). All tares are sown by the evil one. Every noxious herb is of his sowing, and by his ingenious methods of amalgamation he has corrupted the earth with tares. {2SM 288.2}

Then shall physicians continue to resort to drugs, which leave a deadly evil in the system, destroying that life which Christ came to restore? **Christ's remedies cleanse the system.** But Satan has tempted man to introduce into the system that which weakens the human machinery, clogging and destroying the fine, beautiful arrangements of God. The

drugs administered to the sick do not restore, but destroy. Drugs never cure. Instead, they place in the system seeds which bear a very bitter harvest. . . . {2SM 288.3}

Our Saviour is the restorer of the moral image of God in man. He has supplied in the natural world remedies for the ills of man, that His followers may have life and that they may have it more abundantly. We can with safety discard the concoctions which man has used in the past. {2SM 289.1}

**The Lord has provided antidotes for diseases in simple plants, and these can be used by faith, with no denial of faith;** for by using the blessings provided by God for our benefit we are cooperating with Him. He can use water and sunshine and the herbs which He has caused to grow, in healing maladies brought on by indiscretion or accident. We do not manifest a lack of faith when we ask God to bless His remedies. True faith will thank God for the knowledge of how to use these precious blessings in a way which will restore mental and physical vigor. {2SM 289.2}

The body is to be carefully cared for, and in this the Lord demands the cooperation of the human agent. Man must become intelligent in regard to the treatment and use of brain, bone, and muscle. The very best experience we can gain is to know ourselves.--Manuscript 65, 1899 (General Manuscript). {2SM 289.3}

### **All to Understand What to Do for Themselves**

Your question is, . . . "In urgent cases, should we call in a worldly physician, because the sanitarium doctors are all so busy that they have no time to devote to outside practice?"...If the physicians are so busy that they cannot treat the sick outside of the institution, would it not be wiser for all to educate themselves in the use of simple remedies, than to

venture to use drugs that are given a long name to hide their real qualities. Why need anyone be ignorant of God's remedies--hot-water fomentations and cold and hot compresses. It is important to become familiar with the benefit of dieting in case of sickness. All should understand what to do [for] themselves. They may call upon someone who understands nursing, but everyone should have an intelligent knowledge of the house he lives in. All should understand what to do in case of sickness. {2SM 289.4}

Those who make a practice of taking drugs sin against their intelligence and endanger their whole afterlife. There are herbs that are harmless, the use of which will tide over many apparently serious difficulties. But if all would seek to become intelligent in regard to their bodily necessities, sickness would be rare instead of common. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.--Manuscript 86, 1897 (General Manuscript, "Health Reform Principles," written from Cooranbong, Australia). {2SM 290.2}

He it is who **“forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies.”** Psalm 103:3, 4. MH 113.4

## **THE LAST SECOND PHRASE OF THE THIRD ANGEL’S MESSAGE.**

### **“Here are they that keep the commandments of God”**

After the warning against the worship of the beast and his image, the prophecy declares, **“Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”** Since those who keep God's commandments are thus placed in contrast with those that worship the beast and his image and receive his mark, it follows that the keeping of God's law, on the one hand, and its violation, on the other, will make the

distinction between the worshipers of God and the worshipers of the beast. {GC88 445.3}

While the worshipers of God will be especially distinguished by their regard for the fourth commandment,— since this is the sign of his creative power, and the witness to his claim upon man's reverence and homage,—the worshipers of the beast will be distinguished by their efforts to tear down the Creator's memorial, to exalt the institution of Rome. It was in behalf of the Sunday, that popery first asserted its arrogant claims; and its first resort to the power of the State was to compel the observance of Sunday as “the Lord's day.” But the Bible points to the seventh day, and not to the first, as the Lord's day. Said Christ, “The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.” The fourth commandment declares, “The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord.” And by the prophet Isaiah the Lord designates it, “My holy day.” [Mark 2:28; Isaiah 58:13.] {GC88 446.3}

All that shall be redeemed from the earth shall have manifested the character of God in their lives. They shall have a perfect life as God which is in heaven is perfect. They shall have gotten victory over sin.

Character	God	Law /commandment
Good	Psalm 34:8 ,Mat 19:17	Romans 7:12
Spiritual	John 4:24	Romans 7:14
Perfect	Mat 5:48, 2sam 22:31	Psalm 19:7
Holy	Lev11:45, Psalm 99:5	Romans 7:12
Just	Act 7:52	Romans 7:12
Truth	John 14:6	Ps 119:142
Righteousness	Jeremiah 23:6	Ps 119:172
Love	1 John4:16	Romans 13:9-10

From the scriptures in the table above, we really see that the Law of God is the transcript of His character. Therefore, whenever we sin (break the Law of God), we temper with the very life of God (Genesis 39:9). This should make us to tremble and hate sin to its core.

**The law of God given from Sinai is a copy of the mind and will of the Infinite God.** It is sacredly revered by the holy angels. Obedience to its requirements will perfect Christian character, and restore man, through Christ, to his condition before the Fall. The sins forbidden in the law could never find place in heaven. {OHC 138.5}

It was the love of God to man that prompted Him to express His will in the ten precepts of the Decalogue. . . . God has given man a complete rule of life in His law. Obeyed, he shall live by it, through the merits of Christ. Transgressed, it has power to condemn. The law sends men to Christ, and Christ points them back to the law. {OHC 138.6}

**“In setting aside the law of God, men know not what they are doing. God’s law is the transcript of His character. .** It embodies the principles of His kingdom. He who refuses to accept these principles is placing himself outside the channel where God’s blessings flow. COL 305.3”

God requires perfection of His children. His law is a transcript of His own character, and it is the standard of all character. **This infinite standard is presented to all that there may be no mistake in regard to the kind of people whom God will have to compose His kingdom.** The life of Christ on earth was a perfect expression of God's law, and when those who claim to be children of God become Christlike in character, they will be obedient to God's commandments. Then the Lord can trust them to be of the number who shall compose the family of heaven...{COL 315.1}

God has given us His holy precepts, because He loves mankind. To shield us from the results of transgression, He reveals the principles of righteousness. The law is an expression of the thought of God; when received in Christ, it becomes our thought. It lifts us above the power of natural desires and tendencies, above temptations that lead to sin. God desires us to be happy, and He gave us the precepts of the law that in obeying them we might have joy. When at Jesus' birth the angels sang,-- "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14), they were declaring the principles of the law which He had come to magnify and make honorable. {DA 308.1}

When the law does its perfect work in us through Jesus, then the bible says "there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus." Read about the man in Romans 7 and 8.

**By law is the knowledge of sin (Romans 3:20, 7:7)**

"Sin did not kill the law, but it did kill the carnal mind in Paul. "Now we are delivered from the law," he declares, "that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter" (Romans 7:6). "Was that then which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful" (Romans 7:13). "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good" (Romans 7:12). **Paul calls the attention of his hearers to the broken law, and shows them wherein they are guilty.** He instructs them as a schoolmaster instructs his scholars, and shows them the way back to their loyalty to God. {1SM 213.1}

There is no safety nor repose nor justification in transgression of the law. Man cannot hope to stand innocent before God, and at peace with Him

through the merits of Christ, while he continues in sin. He must cease to transgress, and become loyal and true. As the sinner looks into the great moral looking glass, he sees his defects of character. He sees himself just as he is, spotted, defiled, and condemned. **But he knows that the law cannot in any way remove the guilt or pardon the transgressor.** He must go farther than this. **The law is but the schoolmaster to bring him to Christ. He must look to his sin-bearing Saviour. And as Christ is revealed to him upon the cross of Calvary, dying beneath the weight of the sins of the whole world,** the Holy Spirit shows him the attitude of God to all who repent of their transgressions. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). {1SM 213.2}

In Romans 7:9, Paul says that "For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." This brings to us the view that when there was no law in his life, he boasted to be holy and right with the Father using his human standard, just like the Pharisee of old.

The law is like a mirror showing us our sins, "for sin is the transgression of the law" 1 John 3:4. As we look in the perfect mirror of God, we should see how wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked we are, and how our sin is continually before us and the cry of the genuine soul would be "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? Romans 7:24"

"We may have flattered ourselves, as did Nicodemus, that our life has been upright, that our moral character is correct, and think that we need not humble the heart before God, like the common sinner: but when the light from Christ shines into our souls, we shall see how impure we are; we shall discern the selfishness of motive, the enmity against God, that

has defiled every act of life. Then we shall know that our own righteousness is indeed as filthy rags, and that the blood of Christ alone can cleanse us from the defilement of sin, and renew our hearts in His own likeness. {SC 28.3}

Paul realized his weakness, and well he might distrust his own strength. Referring to the law, he says, "The commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death." He had trusted in the deeds of the law. He says, concerning his own outward life, that as "touching the law" he was "blameless"; and he put his trust in his own righteousness. But when the mirror of the law was held up before him, and he saw himself as God saw him, full of mistakes, stained with sin, he cried out, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" {LHU 40.2}

**Paul beheld the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. He heard the voice of Christ saying, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."** He determined to avail himself of the benefits of saving grace, to become dead to trespasses and sins, to have his guilt washed away in the blood of Christ, to be clothed with Christ's righteousness, to become a branch of the Living Vine. He walked with Christ, and Jesus became to him--not a part of salvation, while his own good deeds were another part, but--his all in all, the first and last and best in everything. He had the faith that draws life from Christ, that enabled him to conform his life to that of the divine example. This faith claims nothing for its possessor because of his righteousness, but claims everything because of the righteousness of Christ. {LHU 40.3}

**The keeping of God's commandments as pronounced by the third angel clicks on another important point. That is to say, the immutability of the law of God.**

The Ten Commandments did not only exist in eternity past but do also exist now and will continue to exist forever. Says the Bible; "The works of His hands are verity and judgment; all His commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness. Psalm 111:7-8. ....And as it has existed from the beginning, so will it continue to exist throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. "Concerning thy testimonies," says the psalmist, "I have known of old that thou hast founded them forever (ST April 15, 1886). {1BC 1104.2}

**Adam and Eve, at their creation, had a knowledge of the law of God;** they were acquainted with its claims upon them; its precepts were written upon their hearts.....{PP 363.1} Adam taught his descendants the law of God, and it was handed down from father to son through successive generations. But notwithstanding the gracious provision for man's redemption, there were few who accepted it and rendered obedience. By transgression the world became so vile that it was necessary to cleanse it by the Flood from its corruption. **The law was preserved by Noah and his family, and Noah taught his descendants the Ten Commandments.**

As men again departed from God, the Lord chose Abraham, of whom He declared, "Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws." Genesis 26:5.....The failure of Abraham's descendants to keep this pledge, as shown in their disposition to form alliances with the heathen and adopt their practices, was the cause of their sojourn and bondage in Egypt. But in their intercourse with idolaters, and their forced submission to the Egyptians, the divine precepts became still further corrupted with the vile and cruel teachings of heathenism. **Therefore when the Lord brought them forth from Egypt,** He came down upon Sinai, enshrouded in glory and

surrounded by His angels, and in awful majesty spoke His law in the hearing of all the people. {PP 363.2}

The law of ten precepts, spoken from Mount Sinai, Christ Himself declares that he came not to destroy. [Matthew 5:17-19]. This testimony should forever settle the question.

**The law of God is as immutable as the throne of Jehovah. It will maintain its claims upon all mankind in all ages, unchanged by time or place or circumstances.** Christ declares, that he came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill,--"to magnify the law and make it honorable," as Isaiah, hundreds of years before, had prophesied would be the Messiah's work. {RH, September 27, 1881 par. 5}

**"To fulfill the law."** By his own life He gives the children of men an example of perfect obedience to that law. In the sermon on the mount He made clear and distinct its every precept, in order to sweep away the rubbish of erroneous tradition, with which the Jews had encumbered its sacred statutes, to illustrate and enforce its principles, and to show in all its particulars the length and breadth and height and depth of the righteousness required by the law of God. {RH, September 27, 1881 par. 6}

Christ declares, "Verily I say unto you,"--making the assertion as emphatic as possible,--"**Till Heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled.**" Here Christ teaches, not merely what had been and were then the claims of God's law upon mankind, but what shall be its claims so long as the heavens and the earth remain. {RH, September 27, 1881 par. 8}

...All who justify the sinner in his transgression of God's law, belong to that class of whom our Saviour said, "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be

called the least in the kingdom of Heaven." **They can have no part with Him who came to magnify the law and make it honorable.** They are deceiving the people with their sophistry,--saying to the sinner, "It shall be well with thee," when God has declared that "the soul that sinneth ["transgresseth the law"] it shall die." {RH, September 27, 1881 par. 12}

Christ's words are both explicit and comprehensive. **"Whosoever"--minister or layman, wise or ignorant--"shall break one of these least commandments"--willfully or presumptuously, as did Adam and Eve--is included in the condemnation.** Breaking one of the commandments makes man a commandment-breaker. {RH, September 27, 1881 par. 13}

"Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." No excuse can avail for him who strictly obeys nine of the precepts of God's law, but ventures to break one because it is for his profit or convenience to do so. God demands implicit obedience to all his requirements. {RH, September 27, 1881 par. 14} see James 2:10

**"And shall teach men so."** This is a point worthy of careful consideration. Christ foresaw that men would not only break the commandments of God themselves, but would in a special sense teach others to break them. **Every Sabbath-breaker is by his example teaching others to transgress.** But some are not content with this. They defend the sin of breaking the fourth commandment, and pervert the word of God to justify the transgressor. **Such persons shall be of no esteem in the reign of Heaven,--shall have no part there.** But the greatest guilt rests upon the professed watchmen, and they will receive the severest punishment. They are in the highest sense enemies of Christ, as they put on, over corrupt hearts, the livery of Heaven to serve the devil in...{RH, September 27, 1881 par. 15} All in all, Jesus Christ

abolished not the moral law. He purposed to show us how unchangeable the divine law is, though the heavens and the earth may pass away.

The cross of Christ testifies to the immutability of the law of God--testifies that God so loved us that he gave his Son to die for our sins; but Christ came not to destroy but to fulfill the law. ..Jesus died that he might ascribe unto the repenting sinner His own righteousness, and make it possible for man to keep the law. ..{RH, June 17, 1890 par. 3}

## THE FAITH OF JESUS

### What is the faith of Jesus?

The third angel's message is the proclamation of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ. The commandments of God have been proclaimed, **but the faith of Jesus Christ has not been proclaimed by Seventh-day Adventists as of equal importance, the law and the gospel going hand in hand.** I cannot find language to express this subject in its fullness. {3SM 172.2}

Faith is not feeling. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." [Hebrews 11:1.] True faith is in no sense allied to presumption. Only he who has true faith is secure against presumption, for presumption is Satan's counterfeit of faith. {GW 260.2}

Faith claims God's promises and brings forth fruit in obedience. Presumption also claims the promises, but uses them as Satan did, to excuse transgression. Faith would have led our first parents to trust the love of God and to obey His commands. Presumption led them to transgress His law, believing that His great love would save them from the consequences of their sin. It is not faith that claims the favor of Heaven without complying with the conditions on which mercy is to be

granted. Genuine faith has its foundation in the promises and provisions of the Scriptures. {GW 260.3}

It is not enough to believe about Christ; we must believe in Him. The only faith that will benefit us is that which embraces Him as a personal Saviour; which appropriates His merits to ourselves. Many hold faith as an opinion. But saving faith is a transaction, by which those who receive Christ join themselves in covenant relation with God. Genuine faith is life. A living faith means an increase of vigor, a confiding trust, by which the soul becomes a conquering power. {GW 261.1}

Faith looks beyond the difficulties, and lays hold of the unseen, even Omnipotence, therefore it cannot be baffled. Faith is the clasping of the hand of Christ in every emergency. {GW 262.1}

"Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ: . . . Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." 2

"Like precious faith" . . . is a genuine faith. It is not a fruitless faith. True, saving faith is a precious treasure of inestimable value. It is not superficial. The just lives by faith a truly spiritual, Christlike life. It is through faith that the steps are taken one at a time up the ladder of progress. Faith must be cultivated. It unites the human with the divine nature. {OHC 67.3}

"The faith of Jesus." It is talked of, but not understood. What constitutes the faith of Jesus, that belongs to the third angel's message? Jesus becoming our sin-bearer that He might become our sin-pardoning Saviour. He was treated as we deserve to be treated. He came to our

world and took our sins that we might take His righteousness. And faith in the ability of Christ to save us amply and fully and entirely is the faith of Jesus. {3SM 172.3}

This message should be given to the whole world, for it's the one to ripen the world for the final harvest.

Hab 2:4, romans 1:17, heb 10:38,luke18:8,2cor5:7

The just shall live by faith not by sight, this means that every point of their life is by faith in Jesus not in themselves.

Matt9:22,9:29, luke 7:50,luke 17:19 , Romans 3:25,faith is the basis of healing therefore we are to believe in God for healing and restoration.

Faith the Means, Not the End.--Faith is not the ground of our salvation, but it is the great blessing--the eye that sees, the ear that hears, the feet that run, the hand that grasps. It is the means, not the end. If Christ gave His life to save sinners, why shall I not take that blessing? My faith grasps it, and thus my faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen. Thus resting and believing, I have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ (Letter 329a, 1905). {6BC 1073.9}

Faith is the living power that presses through every barrier, overrides all obstacles, and plants its banner in the heart of the enemy's camp. {SD 202.4}

In order for man to be justified by faith, faith must reach a point where it will control the affections and impulses of the heart; and it is by obedience that faith itself is made perfect. {1SM 366.2}

Released September 15, 1972. {5MR 206.3}

How does faith come?

Romans 10:17, 14:23

Little faith

Matt16:8, mat17:20,

Faith can grow

Luke 17:5, mat21:21, romans10:17 faith comes by hearing

Great faith

Matt15:22-28 Luke 7:1-9

True faith leads to obedience

Romans 1:5, romans3:31, James 2:14-26

-God requires at this time just what He required of the holy pair in Eden, perfect obedience to His requirements. His law remains the same in all ages. The great standard of righteousness presented in the Old Testament is not lowered in the New. It is not the work of the gospel to weaken the claims of God's holy law, but to bring men up where they can keep its precepts. {6BC 1073.1}

The faith in Christ which saves the soul is not what it is represented to be by many. "Believe, believe," is their cry; "only believe in Christ, and you will be saved. It is all you have to do." While true faith trusts wholly in Christ for salvation, it will lead to perfect conformity to the law of God. Faith is manifested by works. And the apostle John declares, "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar" (RH Oct. 5, 1886). {6BC 1073.2}

The testimony of the word of God is against this ensnaring doctrine of faith without works. It is not faith that claims the favor of Heaven without complying with the conditions upon which mercy is to be

granted, it is presumption; for genuine faith has its foundation in the promises and provisions of the Scriptures. {GC 472.2}

Let none deceive themselves with the belief that they can become holy while willfully violating one of God's requirements. The commission of a known sin silences the witnessing voice of the Spirit and separates the soul from God. "Sin is the transgression of the law." And "whosoever sinneth [transgresseth the law] hath not seen Him, neither known Him." 1 John 3:6. Though John in his epistles dwells so fully upon love, yet he does not hesitate to reveal the true character of that class who claim to be sanctified while living in transgression of the law of God. "He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth His word, in him verily is the love of God perfected." 1 John 2:4, 5. Here is the test of every man's profession. We cannot accord holiness to any man without bringing him to the measurement of God's only standard of holiness in heaven and in earth. If men feel no weight of the moral law, if they belittle and make light of God's precepts, if they break one of the least of these commandments, and teach men so, they shall be of no esteem in the sight of Heaven, and we may know that their claims are without foundation. {GC 472.3}

Faith is a gift

Ephesians 2:8, Hebrews 12:2

Galatians 2:20

**What follows at the end of the third angel's proclamation?**

**The Third Message Closed.**

Says Ellen G. White,

“I was pointed down to the time when the third angel's message was closing. The power of God had rested upon his people. They had accomplished their work, and were prepared for the trying hour before them. They had received the latter rain, or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and the living testimony had been revived. The last great warning had sounded everywhere, and it had stirred up and enraged the inhabitants of earth, who would not receive the message. {1SG 197.1}

**I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven.** An angel returned from the earth with a writer's ink-horn by his side, and reported to Jesus that his work was done, that the saints were numbered and sealed. Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the ten commandments, throw down the censer. He raised his hands upward, and with a loud voice said, It is done. And all the angelic host laid off their crowns as Jesus made the solemn declaration, 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. {1SG 197.2}

I saw that every case was then decided for life or death. Jesus had blotted out the sins of his people. He had received his kingdom, and the atonement had been made for the subjects of his kingdom. While Jesus had been ministering in the Sanctuary, the judgment had been going on for the righteous dead, and then for the righteous living. The subjects of the kingdom were made up. The marriage of the Lamb was finished. And the kingdom, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, was given to Jesus, and the heirs of salvation, and Jesus was to reign as King of kings, and Lord of lords. {1SG 197.3}

As Jesus moved out of the Most Holy place, I heard the tinkling of the bells upon his garment, and as he left, a cloud of darkness covered the inhabitants of the earth. There was then no mediator between guilty man,

and an offended God. While Jesus had been standing between God and guilty man, a restraint was upon the people; but when Jesus stepped out from between man and the Father, the restraint was removed, and Satan had the control of man. It was impossible for the plagues to be poured out while Jesus officiated in the Sanctuary; but as his work there is finished, as his intercession closes, there is nothing to stay the wrath of God, and it breaks with fury upon the shelterless head of the guilty sinner, who has slighted salvation, and hated reproof. The saints in that fearful time, after the close of Jesus' mediation, were living in the sight of a holy God, without an intercessor. Every case was decided, every jewel numbered. Jesus tarried a moment in the outer apartment of the heavenly Sanctuary, and the sins which had been confessed while he was in the Most Holy place, he placed back upon the originator of sin, the Devil. He must suffer the punishment of these sins. {1SG 198.1}

Then I saw Jesus lay off his priestly attire, and clothe himself with his most kingly robes-- upon his head were many crowns, a crown within a crown--and surrounded by the angelic host, he left heaven. The plagues were falling upon the inhabitants of the earth. Some were denouncing God, and cursing him. Others rushed to the people of God, and begged to be taught how they should escape the judgments of God. But the saints had nothing for them. The last tear for sinners had been shed, the last agonizing prayer offered, the last burden had been borne. The sweet voice of mercy was no more to invite them. The last note of warning had been given. When the saints, and all heaven were interested for their salvation, they had no interest for themselves. Life and death had been set before them. Many desired life; but did not make any effort to obtain it. They did not choose life, and now there was no atoning blood to cleanse the sinner. No compassionate Saviour to plead for them, and cry,

Spare, spare the sinner a little longer. All heaven had united with Jesus, as they heard the fearful words, It is done, It is finished. The plan of salvation had been accomplished. But few had chosen to accept the plan. And as mercy's sweet voice died away, a fearfulness and horror seized them. With terrible distinctness they hear, Too late! too late! {1SG 199.1}

Those who had not prized God's word were hurrying to and fro. They wandered from sea to sea, and from the north to the east, to seek the word of the Lord. Said the angel, They shall not find it. There is a famine in the land; not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. What would they not give for one word of approval from God? but no, they must hunger and thirst on. Day after day have they slighted salvation, and prized earthly pleasure, and earthly riches, higher than any heavenly inducement and treasure. They have rejected Jesus, and despised his saints. The filthy must remain filthy forever. {1SG 200.1}

A great portion of the wicked were greatly enraged, as they suffered the effects of the plagues. It was a scene of fearful agony. Parents were bitterly reproaching their children, and children reproaching their parents, brothers their sisters, and sisters their brothers. Loud wailing cries were heard in every direction, It was you who kept me from receiving the truth, which would have saved me from this awful hour. The people turned upon the ministers with bitter hate, and reproached them, telling them, You have not warned us. You told us all the world was to be converted, and cried, Peace, peace, to quiet every fear that was aroused. You have not told us of this hour, and those who warned us of it you said were fanatics, and evil men, who would ruin us. But the ministers, I saw, did not escape the wrath of God. Their sufferings were ten fold greater than their people's.

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.

The third angel's message is part of this last warning to be given to the perishing world. The most solemn warning and the most awful threatening ever addressed to mortals is that contained in the third angel's message. The sin that calls down the wrath of God unmixed with mercy must be of the most heinous character. Is the world to be left in darkness as to the nature of this sin?--Most assuredly not. God does not deal thus with His creatures. His wrath is never visited upon sins of ignorance. Before His judgments are brought upon the earth, the light in regard to this sin must be presented to the world, that man may know why these judgments are to be inflicted, and may have opportunity to escape them. {ST, November 1, 1899 par. 7}

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