

# *Lesson 40: The Three Angel's Messages - 3*

## III. The Third Angel's Message

**Memory Verse:** "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."  
Revelation 14:9-12

1. Read Revelation 14:9-12. This is a very serious warning against worshipping the B\_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_ and receiving his \_\_\_\_\_. We will study more deeply about the beast and his image and his mark in the next lesson.

**Note:** "As the ministration of Jesus closed in the holy place, and He passed into the holiest, and stood before the ark containing the law of God, **He sent another mighty angel with a third message to the world.** A parchment was placed in the angel's hand, and as he descended to the earth in power and majesty, **he proclaimed a fearful warning, with the most terrible threatening ever borne to man.** This message was **designed to put the children of God upon their guard**, by showing them the hour of temptation and anguish that was before them. Said the angel, 'They will be brought into close combat with the beast and his image. **Their only hope of eternal life is to remain steadfast.** Although their lives are at stake, they must hold fast the truth.' The third angel closes his message thus: 'Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.' **As he repeated these words, he pointed to the heavenly sanctuary.** The minds of all who embrace this message are **directed to the most holy place**, where Jesus stands before the ark, making His final intercession for all those for whom mercy still lingers and for those who have ignorantly broken the law of God. This atonement is made for the righteous dead as well as for the righteous living. It includes all who died trusting in Christ, but who, not having received the light upon God's commandments, had sinned ignorantly in transgressing its precepts. EW 254.1

"After Jesus opened the door of the most holy, **the light of the Sabbath was seen, and the people of God were tested**, as the children of Israel were tested anciently, to see if they would keep God's law. **I saw the third angel pointing upward, showing the disappointed ones the way to the holiest of the heavenly sanctuary.** As they by faith enter the most holy, **they find Jesus**, and hope and joy spring up anew. I saw them looking back, reviewing the past, from the proclamation of the second advent of Jesus, down through their experience to the passing of the time in 1844. They see their **disappointment explained**, and joy and certainty again animate them. **The third angel has lighted up the past, the present, and the future**, and they know that God has indeed led them by His mysterious providence. EW 254.2

"It was represented to me that the remnant followed Jesus into the most holy place and beheld the ark and the mercy seat, and were captivated with their glory. Jesus then raised the cover of the ark, and lo! the tables of stone, with **the ten commandments written upon them.** They trace down the lively oracles, but start back with trembling when they see the fourth commandment among the ten holy precepts, with a brighter light shining upon it than upon the other nine, and a halo of glory all around it. **They find nothing there informing them that the Sabbath has been abolished, or changed** to the first day of the week. The commandment reads as when spoken by the voice of God in solemn and

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awful grandeur upon the mount, while the lightnings flashed and the thunders rolled; it is the **same** as when written with His own finger on the tables of stone: 'Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but **the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.**' They are amazed as they behold the care taken of the ten commandments. They see them placed close by Jehovah, overshadowed and protected by His holiness. They see that they have been trampling upon the fourth commandment of the decalogue, and have observed a day handed down by the heathen and papists, instead of the day sanctified by Jehovah. **They humble themselves before God and mourn over their past transgressions.** EW 255.1

"I saw the incense in the censer smoke as Jesus offered their confessions and prayers to His Father. And as it ascended, **a bright light rested upon Jesus and upon the mercy seat**; and the earnest, praying ones, who were troubled because they had discovered themselves to be transgressors of God's law, were blessed, and their countenances lighted up with hope and joy. **They joined in the work of the third angel and raised their voices to proclaim the solemn warning.** But few at first received it; yet the faithful continued with energy to proclaim the message. Then I saw many embrace the message of the third angel and unite their voices with those who had first given the warning, and **they honored God by observing His sanctified rest day.**" EW 256.1

So the third angel's message is a warning. It also points to God's Law; especially to the Sabbath of the \_\_\_\_\_ Commandment which almost everyone is breaking.

2. In Revelation 11:5, 16 we read about the 7 last plagues. Upon whom are they poured out? Revelation 16:2 "And the first went, and \_\_\_\_\_ out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the \_\_\_\_\_ [people] which had the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, and upon them which \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_."

The plagues will fall on those who have the \_\_\_\_\_ of the beast and those who worship the \_\_\_\_\_ of the beast.

They will not fall on those who \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus. Revelation 14:12.

**Note:** "The **most fearful threatening ever addressed to mortals** is contained in the third angel's message. **That must be a terrible sin which calls down the wrath of God unmingled with mercy.** Men are not to be left in darkness concerning this important matter; **the warning against this sin is to be given to the world before the visitation of God's judgments**, that all may know why they are to be inflicted, and have opportunity to escape them. Prophecy declares that the first angel would make his announcement to 'every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.' The warning of the third angel, which forms a part of the same threefold message, is to be no less widespread. It is represented in the prophecy as being proclaimed with a loud voice, by an angel flying in the midst of heaven; and **it will command the attention of the world.**" GC 449.2

"In the issue of the contest **all Christendom will be divided into two great classes –**

☞ those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and

☛ those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark." GC 450.1

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3. "Although church and state will unite their power to compel 'all, both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, rich and \_\_\_\_\_, free and \_\_\_\_\_' (Revelation 13:16), to receive 'the M\_\_\_\_\_ of the beast,' **yet the people of God will not receive it.**

The prophet of Patmos beholds 'them that had gotten the \_\_\_\_\_ over the \_\_\_\_\_, and over his \_\_\_\_\_, and over his \_\_\_\_\_, and over the \_\_\_\_\_ of his name, **stand** on the \_\_\_\_\_ of glass, having the \_\_\_\_\_ of God' and singing the song of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Revelation 15:2, 3." GC 450.1

**Note: "Fearful is the issue to which the world is to be brought.**

☛ The powers of earth, uniting to war against the commandments of God, will decree that 'all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond' (Revelation 13:16), shall conform to the customs of the church by the observance of the false sabbath. **All who refuse compliance will be visited with civil penalties, and it will finally be declared that they are deserving of death.**

☛ On the other hand, **the law of God** enjoining the Creator's rest day demands obedience and **threatens wrath against all who transgress its precepts.** GC 604.2

**"With the issue thus clearly brought before him, whoever shall trample upon God's law to obey a human enactment receives the mark of the beast; he accepts the sign of allegiance to the power which he chooses to obey instead of God."** GC 604.3

4. The warning from heaven is: "If any man worship the \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_, and receive his \_\_\_\_\_ in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall \_\_\_\_\_ of the wine of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, which is poured out without \_\_\_\_\_ into the cup of His indignation." Revelation 14:9, 10.

**Note: "But not one is made to suffer the wrath of God until the truth has been brought home to his mind and conscience, and has been rejected.** There are many who have never had an opportunity to hear the special truths for this time. The obligation of the fourth commandment has never been set before them in its true light. He who reads every heart and tries every motive will leave none who desire a knowledge of the truth, to be deceived as to the issues of the controversy. The decree is not to be urged upon the people blindly. **Everyone is to have sufficient light to make his decision intelligently.** GC 605.1

**"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 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."** GC 605.2

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5. At what time in earth's history is this message to be given? Revelation 14:14-15  
"And I looked, and behold a white \_\_\_\_\_, and upon the \_\_\_\_\_ one sat like unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of man, having on his head a \_\_\_\_\_ crown, and in his hand a \_\_\_\_\_ sickle. And another angel came out of the \_\_\_\_\_, crying with a loud \_\_\_\_\_ to him that sat on the \_\_\_\_\_, Thrust in thy sickle, and \_\_\_\_\_: for the \_\_\_\_\_ is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the \_\_\_\_\_ is ripe."

**Note:** Immediately after the third angel's message of verses 9-12 is given, we see a description of Jesus coming in the clouds of glory to reap the harvest of the earth. So this message must be the **last** to be given to the earth.

"The third angel of Revelation 14 is represented as **flying swiftly** through the midst of heaven crying: 'Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.' Here is shown the **nature of the work of the people of God**. They have a message of **so great importance** that they are represented as flying in the presentation of it to the world. They are holding in their hands **the bread of life for a famishing world**. The love of Christ constraineth them. **This is the last message**. There are no more to follow, no more invitations of mercy to be given after this message shall have done its work. **What a trust!** What a responsibility is resting upon all to carry the words of gracious invitation: 'And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.' " 5T 206.3

6. Those who heed the warning are described in Revelation 14:12.  
What 3 characteristics distinguish them?

 They have \_\_\_\_\_ [cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy]

 They \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

 They keep the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

 **The 1<sup>st</sup> characteristic of the saints** described in Revelation 14:12 is their \_\_\_\_\_.

7. They have cheerful endurance and constancy in their loyalty to God. They do not give up when difficulties come to them. They have a firm trust in God that **nothing** can shake. This is because they really have learned to KNOW Him.

 James 5:7 "Be \_\_\_\_\_ therefore, brethren, unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. Behold, the husbandman \_\_\_\_\_ for the precious \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth, and hath long \_\_\_\_\_ for it, until he receive the early and latter \_\_\_\_\_. We must be patient, have endurance, until the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. Don't give up before that time.

 Matthew 10:22 warns us that it will not always be easy. "And ye shall be \_\_\_\_\_ of all \_\_\_\_\_ for my \_\_\_\_\_'s sake: but he that **endureth** to the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_." We will have to choose between the love and acceptance of people **or** the love and acceptance of God.

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What is the husbandman [Jesus] waiting for? James 5:7: The precious \_\_\_\_\_.

✍ Galatians 5:22, 23. "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_, joy, \_\_\_\_\_, longsuffering, \_\_\_\_\_, goodness, faith, meekness, \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "This fruit can never perish, but will produce after its kind a harvest unto eternal life." COL 68.1

"When the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."

**Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church.** When the **character of Christ** shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, **then He will come** to claim them as His own. COL 69.1

"It is the **privilege of every Christian** not only to look for but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, (2 Peter 3:12, margin). Were **all** who **profess** His name **bearing fruit to His glory**, how **quickly** the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. **Quickly** the last great harvest would be **ripened**, and **Christ would come** to gather the precious grain." COL 69.2

He has long P\_\_\_\_\_ waiting for the fruit. That is why He hasn't come yet.

✍ 2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not \_\_\_\_\_ concerning his \_\_\_\_\_, as some men count slackness; but is \_\_\_\_\_ to us-ward, not willing that \_\_\_\_\_ should \_\_\_\_\_, but that \_\_\_\_\_ should come to \_\_\_\_\_."

✍ James 5:8 admonishes us: "Be \_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ your hearts: for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ draweth \_\_\_\_\_."

What does it mean to "stablish your heart? *Strong's Concordance* tells us that the word "**stablish**" means "*to set fast, to turn resolutely in a certain direction, to confirm*"

✍ James 5:9 We must turn our hearts resolutely to Jesus, to become like HIM in character. When we do this, we will not \_\_\_\_\_ against someone, because this is not one of the fruits of the spirit. If we hold a \_\_\_\_\_ against someone, we will be \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus is coming soon. He is standing before the \_\_\_\_\_.

✍ James 5:10,11 tells us: "Take, my brethren, the \_\_\_\_\_, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an \_\_\_\_\_ of suffering \_\_\_\_\_, and of \_\_\_\_\_. Behold, we count them \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_. Ye have heard of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and have seen the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord; that the Lord is very \_\_\_\_\_, and of tender \_\_\_\_\_." Those who E\_\_\_\_\_ are H\_\_\_\_\_. An example of a man who endured much affliction but who remained loyal to God through it all was \_\_\_\_\_. Job was happy that he had endured and remained loyal. So will you be when Jesus comes, for if you have endured to the end, you will be \_\_\_\_\_. (Matt. 10:22)

✍ James 1:12 "Blessed is the man that **endureth** \_\_\_\_\_: for \_\_\_\_\_ he is tried, he shall \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of life, which the Lord hath \_\_\_\_\_ to them that \_\_\_\_\_ him." Because they L\_\_\_\_\_ Him, they stay loyal to Him through every temptation and trial. God offers us His love freely. Will we take it and accept it, or will we turn away in order to have the approval of people? What are we doing now? What is more important to us – God's approval or our friends'?

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 Now let's study the 2<sup>nd</sup> characteristic of the people of God in Revelation 14:12.

"Here are they that \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

8. What does Jesus say about keeping the commandments?

 Matthew 5:19-20 "Whosoever therefore shall \_\_\_\_\_ one of these \_\_\_\_\_ commandments, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ men so, he shall be called the \_\_\_\_\_ in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them, the same shall be called \_\_\_\_\_ in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That \_\_\_\_\_ your righteousness shall \_\_\_\_\_ the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in \_\_\_\_\_ case \_\_\_\_\_ into the kingdom of heaven."

If we want to enter heaven, our life must be more than a pretend righteousness.

**Note:** "God did not give his commandments to us for us to obey when we pleased, and to disregard at our pleasure. **They are the laws of his kingdom**, and are to be obeyed by his subjects. **If his people would obey his law with the whole heart, decided witness would be borne to the world** that those whom he has avouched to be his people, his peculiar treasure, do indeed honor him in all they do. Loyalty to God, **unquestioning obedience to his law, would make his people a wonder in the world**, because he would be able to fulfil his rich and abundant promises to them, and make them a praise in the earth. **They would be a holy people unto him.**" SW, February 16, 1904 par. 20

 Matthew 19:16-17 "And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what \_\_\_\_\_ thing shall I \_\_\_\_\_, that I may have \_\_\_\_\_ life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but \_\_\_\_\_ thou wilt \_\_\_\_\_ into life, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_."

Jesus told the young ruler that commandment **keepers** will have eternal life.

He told John the same thing when He told him to write the book of Revelation.

 Revelation 22:14 "Blessed are they that \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_, that they may have \_\_\_\_\_ to the tree of life, and may \_\_\_\_\_ in through the \_\_\_\_\_ into the city."

9. What does it mean to keep the commandments?

 Matthew 22:36-40 "Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord thy God with \_\_\_\_\_ thy \_\_\_\_\_, and with all thy \_\_\_\_\_, and with all thy \_\_\_\_\_. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ and great commandment. And the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ unto it, Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ thy \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_. On these two commandments hang \_\_\_\_\_ the law and the prophets."

**Note:** "The first four of the Ten Commandments are summed up in the one great precept, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart.' The last six are included in the other, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' Both these commandments are **an expression of the principle of love**. The first cannot be kept and the second broken, nor can the second be kept while the first is broken. When **God** has His **rightful place** on the throne of the heart, **the right place will be given to our neighbor**. We shall love him as ourselves. And **only as we love God supremely** is it **possible** to love our neighbor impartially. DA 607.2

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 James 2:10 "For whosoever shall \_\_\_\_\_ the whole \_\_\_\_\_, and yet \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ point, he is guilty of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "Since all the commandments are summed up in love to God and man, it follows that **not one precept can be broken without violating this principle**. Thus Christ taught His hearers that **the law of God is not so many separate precepts**, some of which are of great importance, while others are of small importance and may with impunity be ignored. Our Lord presents the first four and the last six commandments as **a divine whole**, and teaches that **love to God will be shown by obedience to all His commandments**. DA 607.3

 Galatians 5:14 "For \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ is fulfilled in \_\_\_\_\_ word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

How will you \_\_\_\_\_ your neighbor as yourself?

 Matthew 7:12 "Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ things whatsoever ye \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ should \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, do ye \_\_\_\_\_ so to \_\_\_\_\_: for this is the \_\_\_\_\_ and the prophets." In other words, you treat them as you would want to be treated.

 Romans 13:10 "Love worketh \_\_\_\_\_ to his \_\_\_\_\_: **therefore** love is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_."

10. Why should we keep the commandments?

 Romans 7:12 "Wherefore the law is \_\_\_\_\_, and the commandment holy, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_."

 1 John 3:4 "Whosoever committeth sin \_\_\_\_\_ also the \_\_\_\_\_: for sin \_\_\_\_\_ the transgression of the \_\_\_\_\_."

The commandments are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, so disobeying them would be unholy, unjust, and bad. It is S\_\_\_\_\_. This is the opposite of L\_\_\_\_\_ which is the fulfilling of the law.

Some people say, aren't we under grace and not under the law? What is Paul's answer?

 Romans 6:15-16 "What then? shall we \_\_\_\_\_, because we are \_\_\_\_\_ under the \_\_\_\_\_, but under \_\_\_\_\_? God \_\_\_\_\_. Know ye not, that to \_\_\_\_\_ ye \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves servants to \_\_\_\_\_, his \_\_\_\_\_ ye \_\_\_\_\_ to whom ye \_\_\_\_\_; whether of \_\_\_\_\_ unto death, or of \_\_\_\_\_ unto righteousness?"

Whose servant do you want to be? Jesus OR Satan

To whom do you yield yourself, whom do you obey?

11. If we love Jesus, what will we do?

 John 14:15 "If ye \_\_\_\_\_ me, \_\_\_\_\_ my commandments."

We will yield ourselves to Him and obey His commandments.

 John 15:9-10 "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: \_\_\_\_\_ ye in my \_\_\_\_\_. If ye \_\_\_\_\_ my commandments, ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ as I have \_\_\_\_\_ my Father's commandments, and abide in his \_\_\_\_\_."

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1 John 2:3-5 "And \_\_\_\_\_ we do \_\_\_\_\_ that we \_\_\_\_\_ him, if we \_\_\_\_\_ his commandments. He that \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ him, and \_\_\_\_\_ not his commandments, is a \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ in him. But whoso \_\_\_\_\_ his word, in him \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God \_\_\_\_\_: hereby know we that we are in him."

1 John 5:3 "For this \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, that we \_\_\_\_\_ his commandments: and his commandments are \_\_\_\_\_ grievous."

What is the **3<sup>rd</sup> characteristic which distinguishes God's people** in the end time?

Revelation 14:12 They keep the F \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

12. What will this do for them?

1 John 5:4 "For whatsoever is born of God \_\_\_\_\_ the world: and this is the \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ the world, even our \_\_\_\_\_."

This faith gives us the **overcoming power** that we need. It is this faith that we need to bring us the power of **divine strength** in order to really **keep** the commandments of God.

**Note:** "What kind of faith is it that overcomes the world?"

It is that faith which makes Christ **your own personal Saviour**,

That faith which, recognizing your **helplessness**, your utter **inability to save yourself**, **takes hold of the Helper who is mighty to save**, as your only hope.

It is faith that **will not be discouraged**, that hears the voice of Christ saying,

'Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world, and **my divine strength is yours.**'

It is the faith that hears him say, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.' "

RH, August 26, 1890 par. 9

"Many have a faith, but not a faith that works by love and purifies the soul. **Saving faith is not simply a mere belief of the truth.** 'The devils also believe, and tremble.' The inspiration of the Spirit of God gives to men a faith that is an **impelling power** that **molds character**, and **leads men higher than mere formal actions**. The words, the actions, and the spirit are to **bear testimony** to the fact that we are **followers of Christ**." 18MR 36.3

"**When true faith is exercised**, the Spirit of God will **mold and fashion the soul** that it may become a **pure and holy place**, a dwelling place for God. When Christ is 'formed within, the hope of glory,' **a new life is imparted**." 18MR 40.2

Study again the lessons on faith (Lessons 15 and 16).

**Note:** "Our work is to proclaim the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

'**Prepare to meet thy God**' (Amos 4:12), is the warning to be given to the world.

It is a **warning to us individually**. We are called upon to **lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us**. There is a **work** for you, my brother, to do, **to yoke up with Christ**.

**Make sure that your building is on the rock**. Do not risk eternity on a probability. You may not live to participate in the perilous scenes on which we are now entering. The life of no one of us is assured for any given time. Should you not watch every moment? Should you not **closely examine your own self**, and inquire, What will eternity be to me?" 2SM 116.3

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"The great burden of every soul should be,

- ? Is my heart renewed?
- ? Is my soul transformed?
- ? Are my sins pardoned through faith in Christ?
- ? Have I been born again?
- ? Am I complying with the invitation, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest' (Matt. 11:28)? ...
- ? Do you count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus?
- ? And do you feel it your duty to believe every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God?"  
Manuscript 32, 1896. 2SM 117.1

13. How did the faith of Jesus lead Him to live while on this earth?

👤 John 4:34 "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of him that sent me, and to finish \_\_\_\_\_ work."

👤 John 5:19 "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, but what he \_\_\_\_\_ the Father \_\_\_\_\_: for what things soever \_\_\_\_\_ doeth, these \_\_\_\_\_ doeth the Son \_\_\_\_\_."

👤 John 5:30 "I can of mine \_\_\_\_\_ self do \_\_\_\_\_: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; \_\_\_\_\_ I seek \_\_\_\_\_ mine own \_\_\_\_\_, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ which hath \_\_\_\_\_ me."

👤 John 6:38 "For I came down from heaven, \_\_\_\_\_ to do mine \_\_\_\_\_ will, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of him that \_\_\_\_\_ me."

👤 John 8:29 "And he that \_\_\_\_\_ me is \_\_\_\_\_ me: the Father hath \_\_\_\_\_ left me \_\_\_\_\_; for I \_\_\_\_\_ always those things that \_\_\_\_\_ him."

👤 John 12:49 "For I have not \_\_\_\_\_ of myself; but the \_\_\_\_\_ which sent me, he \_\_\_\_\_ me a commandment, what I should \_\_\_\_\_, and what I should speak."

👤 Luke 22:42 "Saying, Father, if \_\_\_\_\_ be willing, \_\_\_\_\_ this cup from me: nevertheless \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_, be \_\_\_\_\_."

Let's sum this up:

Jesus always did the W\_\_\_\_\_ of His Father.

He never chose to do His O\_\_\_\_\_ will.

Jesus always looked to the F\_\_\_\_\_ to know what He should do.

He always did what would P\_\_\_\_\_ the Father.

He did not S\_\_\_\_\_ His own words, but the words which the Father gave Him.

Even when it was very difficult, He still said, Not \_\_\_\_\_ will, but \_\_\_\_\_ be done.

He showed us how to live as a human. He said He could not do anything of \_\_\_\_\_.

He was dependent on His F\_\_\_\_\_.

He taught us by His example to always S\_\_\_\_\_ to do the \_\_\_\_\_ of His Father.

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14. We read in Revelation 18:1 "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having \_\_\_\_\_ power; and the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ with his \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "The angel who **unites in the proclamation of the third angel's message** is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of **world-wide extent** and **unwonted power** is here foretold. The advent movement of 1840-44 was a **glorious manifestation of the power of God**; the first angel's message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but **these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel**. GC 611.1

"**The work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost**. As the 'former rain' was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the 'latter rain' will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest. ... GC 611.2

"The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the **latter rain** at its close. ... GC 611.3

"**Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven**. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works, with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Revelation 13:13. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand. GC 612.1

"The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the **deep conviction of the Spirit of God**. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. **The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence**, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, **a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side**." GC 612.2

15. The angel in Revelation 18:1 unites with the third angel in Revelation 14:9-12 to give great power to the final warning given to every person on this earth. Why is there such great power? It is because the **people** who give the message have allowed it to work a change of character in their own lives. They have co-operated with God to change **their** thoughts and feelings to be in harmony with God. They have experienced the power of God **in their own lives** to overcome sin. They have the faith of Jesus.

This message is not just a set of doctrines which you know intellectually, but it is a message that has **transformed** your lifestyle, your attitudes, your reactions, your choices. **Note:** "**When the third angel's message is preached as it should be, power attends its proclamation**, and it becomes an abiding influence. **It must be attended with divine power, or it will accomplish nothing**. ...

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"Jesus desires to **efface the image of the earthly** from the minds of his followers, and to **impress upon them the image of the heavenly**, that they may become one with himself, reflecting his character, and showing forth the praises of him who hath called them out of darkness into his marvelous light. ... "

... The **character we cultivate**, the **attitude we assume today**, is fixing our future destiny. We are all making a choice, either to be with the blessed, **inside** the city of light, or to be with the wicked, **outside** the city. The **principles which govern our actions** on earth are known in heaven, and our deeds are faithfully chronicled in the books of record. It is there known whether our characters are after the order of Christ or the order of the arch-deceiver who caused rebellion in heaven.

**Are we wise virgins, or must we be classed among the foolish?**

This is the question which we are **deciding today** by our character and attitude.

That which passes with many for the religion of Christ, is made up of ideas and theories, a **mixture** of truth and error. Some are trying to become good enough to be saved. ...

"Penance, mortifications of the flesh, constant confession of sin, without sincere repentance; fasts, festivals, and outward observances, unaccompanied by true devotion, – all these are of **no value** whatever. The sacrifice of Christ is sufficient; he made a whole, efficacious offering to God; and **human effort without the merit of Christ, is worthless**. We not only dishonor God by taking this course, but we destroy our present and future usefulness.

**A failure to appreciate the value of the offering of Christ**, has a debasing influence;

it blights our expectations,

and makes us fall short of our privileges;

it leads us to receive **unsound and perilous theories** concerning the salvation that has been purchased for us at infinite cost.

**The plan of salvation is not understood to be that through which divine power is brought to man in order that his human effort may be wholly successful.**

"To be pardoned in the way that Christ pardons, is not only to be **forgiven**, but to be **renewed in the spirit of our mind**. The Lord says, 'A new heart will I give unto thee.' The image of Christ is to be stamped upon the very mind, heart, and soul. The apostle says, 'And we have the mind of Christ.' **Without the transforming process which can come alone through divine power, the original propensities to sin are left in the heart in all their strength**, to forge new chains, to impose a slavery that can never be broken by human power. But men can never enter heaven with their old tastes, inclinations, idols, ideas, and theories. Heaven would be no place of joy to them; for everything would be in collision with their tastes, appetites, and inclinations, and painfully opposed to their natural and cultivated traits of character.

"In the parable of the virgins, five are represented as wise and five as foolish. The name 'foolish virgins' represents the character of **those who have not the genuine heart-work** wrought by the Spirit of God. The coming of Christ does not change the foolish virgins into wise ones. When Christ comes, the balances of Heaven **will weigh the character**, and decide whether it is pure, sanctified, and holy, or whether it is unclean, and unfit for the kingdom of heaven. Those who have despised the **divine grace** that is at their command, that would have qualified them to be the inhabitants of heaven, will be the foolish virgins. **They had all the light, all the knowledge, but they failed to obtain the oil of grace; they did not receive the truth in its sanctifying power.**

"**Happiness** is the result of holiness, and conformity to the will of God. Those who would be saints in heaven, must first be saints upon the earth; for when we leave this earth, we shall take our character

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with us, and this will be simply taking with us some of the elements of heaven imparted to us through the righteousness of Christ." RH, August 19, 1890 par. 3-9

"**Half-hearted Christians obscure the glory of God**, misinterpret piety, and cause men to receive false ideas as to what constitutes vital godliness. **Others think that they, also, can be Christians and yet consult their own tastes and make provision for the flesh**, if these false-hearted professors can do so. On many a professed Christian's banner the motto is written, 'You can serve God and please self, – you can serve God and mammon.' They profess to be wise virgins, but not having the oil of grace in their vessels with their lamps, they shed forth no light to the glory of God and for the salvation of men. They seek to do what the world's Redeemer said was impossible to do; he has declared, 'Ye cannot serve God and mammon.' **Those who profess to be Christians, but do not follow in the footsteps of Christ, make of none effect his words, and obscure the plan of salvation.** By their spirit and deportment they virtually say, 'Jesus, in your day you did not understand as well as we do in our day, that man can serve God and mammon.' These professors of religion **claim to keep the law of God, but they do not keep it.** O, what would the standard of true manhood have become had it been left in the hands of man! **God has lifted his own standard, – the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus;** and the **experience** that follows complete surrender to God, is **righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.** Everything that man touches with unholy hands and unsanctified intellect, even the gospel of truth, becomes, by the contact, contaminated. Man puts confidence in man, and makes flesh his arm, but all the work of man is of the earth, earthy." RH, August 19, 1890 par. 11

### IV. Warnings for this Generation

16. The first message:

- ✦ Reminds us of the Everlasting G \_\_\_\_\_: to take God's power in our lives to overcome sin.
- ✦ Tells us to F \_\_\_\_\_ God by obedience to all His commandments.
- ✦ Admonishes us to give G \_\_\_\_\_ to God by reflecting His character in our lives.
- ✦ Warns us that the J \_\_\_\_\_ has come.
- ✦ Reminds us to W \_\_\_\_\_ the Creator on His day.
- ✦ Warns us against false W \_\_\_\_\_.

17. The second message:

- ✦ Warns us against F \_\_\_\_\_ systems of worship and all the errors of the traditions of men.
- ✦ Calls us to C \_\_\_\_\_ out of all false religious systems.
- ✦ Tells us to adhere to the B \_\_\_\_\_ and the Bible only as our only rule of faith and practice.

18. The third message:

- ✦ Warns us against worshipping the B \_\_\_\_\_ and his image.
- ✦ Cautions us not to receive the M \_\_\_\_\_ of the beast.

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- ✦ Tells us that God's people will endure with P \_\_\_\_\_ unto the end.
- ✦ Reminds us that God's people will keep His C \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✦ Teaches us that God's people are changed in character to lives of righteousness by the F \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

### **V. Supplemental Notes on the Third Angel's Message**

Read these quotes and **think** about what they are telling us. The Third Angel's Message is the message that will **prepare** us to **stand** through the trials of the last days and to stand in the presence of God. We need to understand this message clearly and **apply it to our lives** so that our characters will be **changed** into the character of Jesus.

"As Jesus in the temple solved the mysteries which priests and rulers had not discerned, **SO** in the closing work of this earth **children who have been rightly educated** will in their simplicity speak words which will be an astonishment to men who now talk of 'higher education.'

As the children sang in the temple courts,

'Hosanna; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord,'

**SO** in these last days **children's voices will be raised to give the last message** of warning to a perishing world.

When heavenly intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present the truth, **the Spirit of God will come upon the children**, and they will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which the older workers cannot do, because their way will be hedged up." 6T 202.2

#### **"What are you doing ... in the great work of preparation?**

Those who are uniting with the world are receiving the worldly mold and **preparing for the mark of the beast**.

Those who are distrustful of self, who are humbling themselves before God and purifying their souls by obeying the truth – these are receiving the heavenly mold and **preparing for the seal of God** in their foreheads.

When the decree goes forth and the stamp is impressed, their character will remain pure and spotless for eternity. **Now is the time to prepare**.

The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman.

It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman.

It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts.

**All who receive the seal must be without spot before God – candidates for heaven.**" FLB 288.3

"Dear Brethren and Sisters: –

#### **Do we believe with all the heart that Christ is soon coming?**

And that we are now having the last message of mercy that is ever to be given to a guilty world?

#### **Is our example what it should be?**

And do we show to those around us, by our lives and holy conversation,

that we are looking for the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to change these vile bodies and fashion them like unto his glorious body?

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I fear that we do not believe, and realize these things as we should.  
Those who believe the important truths that we profess to believe,  
should **act out their faith**, in the immediate coming of Christ.

There is too much seeking amusements, and things to take up the mind here in this world;  
the mind is left too much to run upon pride of dress;  
and the tongue is engaged too often in light and trifling conversation,  
which gives the lie to our profession,  
for the conversation is not in heaven from whence we look for the Saviour.

"Angels are watching over us, to guard us;  
and **we often grieve these angels** by indulging in trifling conversation, jesting and joking,  
and also by sinking down in a careless, stupid state.

And although we may make an effort now and then for the victory, and obtain it,  
yet if we do not **keep it**, but sink down in the same careless, indifferent state,  
unable to **endure** temptations, and to **resist** the enemy,  
it is not enduring the trial of our faith, that is more precious than gold.  
It is not suffering for Christ's sake, and glorying in tribulation.

"There is a **great lack of christian fortitude**, and **serving God from principle**.

We should not seek to please and gratify self; but to honor and glorify God,  
and **in all we do and say, have a single eye to his glory**.

If we would let our hearts be impressed with the following important words, and ever bear them in mind,  
**we should not so easily fall into temptation**;  
but our words would be few and well chosen.

"He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities;  
the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.' Isa. 53:5

'Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.' Mat 12:36  
'Thou God seest me.' Gen. 16:13

"We could not think of these important words,  
and call to mind the sufferings of Jesus for us sinners, that we might receive pardon  
from our sins and be redeemed unto God by his most precious blood,  
without feeling **a holy restraint** upon us,  
and an **earnest desire** to suffer for him,  
who suffered and endured so much for us.

"If we dwell on these things,  
**dear self**, with its dignity, will be humbled;  
a child-like simplicity will take its place,  
which will bear reproof from others,  
and will not be easily provoked,  
and suffer a self-willed spirit to come in and rule the soul.

**The true Christian's joys, and consolation, must and will be in heaven."** ExV54 30.1-31.4

**"We must not have a sensational religion, which has no root in truth. Solid instruction must be given to the people upon the reasons of our faith. They must be educated to a far greater extent than they have been in the doctrines of the Bible, and especially in the practical lessons that Jesus gave**

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to his disciples. The believers must be impressed with their **great need of Bible knowledge**. There must be pains-taking effort to fasten in the minds of all, the solid arguments of the truth; for **every one will be tested**, and **those who are rooted and grounded in the work of God will be unmoved by the heresies that will arise on all sides**; but **if any neglect to obtain the necessary preparation, they will be swept away by errors that have the appearance of truth**. At our camp-meetings, sermons should be delivered of such a character as will prepare the hearers to give a reason of the hope that is in them with meekness and fear. I have been shown that **but a small number of the people in our churches know for themselves what constitutes the third angel's message**. This fact should enable us to realize the **need of Bible classes**. At our camp-meetings especially, there should be **daily classes for Bible study**. **Instruction should be given on the subjects of faith and Christian experience, and there should be seasons of earnest prayer**. Then the influence of our camp-meetings would not be of so transitory a character, but would leave an abiding impression." GW92 228.3

"The world is against us,  
The popular churches are against us,  
The laws of the land will soon be against us.

If there was ever a time when the people of God should press together, it is **now**.

**God has committed to us the special truths for this time to make known to the world.**

The last message of mercy is now going forth.

We are dealing with men and women who are judgment bound.

**How careful should we be in every word and act to follow closely the Pattern,**  
that our **example** may lead men to Christ.

With what care should we seek so to present the truth

that others **by beholding its beauty and simplicity** may be led to receive it.

**If our characters testify of its sanctifying power,**

we shall be a **continual light** to others –  
living epistles, known and read of all men.

**We cannot afford now to give place to Satan** by cherishing disunion, discord, and strife." 5T 236.3

"Our **example** and lives

tell either for **heaven, eternal life**,  
or **darkness and death**.

Our lives should **be holy**, and we should **oft hold communion with God**,

**draw nourishment from Jesus** the living vine, that our souls may flourish in the Lord.

**Then can we exert a holy influence**.

**How holy should those live who believe we are having the last message of mercy to the world**.

We should take a **humble, meek** stand,

and yet the very truths that we profess will lead us to **exalt the standard**,  
and to occupy an **elevated position**,

**far above** the low, vain, joking trifler of the world." RH, January 10, 1856 par. 13

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### **The Righteousness of Christ**

"Christ says, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life;' and it is the privilege of every soul to make **Christ his personal Saviour**. You need not wait to grow good; you need not think that any effort of yours will make your prayers acceptable, and bring you salvation. Let each man and woman pray to God, not to man. Let each one come to Christ in humility, speak to him with your own lips. The request, 'Will you pray for me?' has become simply a form of speech; **you should pray to God for yourself, believing that he listens to every word you utter**. Lay bare your heart for his inspection, confess your sins, asking him to forgive you, pleading the merits of the atonement, and then **by faith contemplate the great scheme of redemption**, and the Comforter will bring all things to your remembrance.

"**The more you study the character of Christ, the more attractive will he appear to you**. He will become as one near you, in close companionship with you; your affections will go out after him. If the mind is molded by the objects with which it has most to do, then to think of Jesus, to talk of him, will enable you to become like him in Spirit and character. You will reflect his image in that which is great and pure and spiritual. **You will have the mind of Christ, and he will send you forth to the world as his spiritual representative**. He will be your only glory. You cannot affiliate with the world without becoming a partaker of its spirit, without becoming guilty of treason against the Lord who has bought you.

"**It is the privilege of every earnest seeker for truth and righteousness, to rely upon the sure promises of God**. The Lord Jesus makes manifest the fact that the **treasures of divine grace** are placed entirely at our disposal, in order that **we may become channels of light**. We cannot receive the riches of the grace of Christ without desiring to impart them to others. When we have the love of Christ in our hearts, we shall feel that it is our duty and privilege to communicate it. The sun shining in the heavens, pours its bright beams into all the highways and by-ways of life. It has sufficient light for thousands of worlds like ours. And so it is with the Sun of Righteousness; his bright beams of healing and gladness are amply sufficient to save our little world, and are efficacious in establishing security in every world that has been created. Christ declares that Our Heavenly Father is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him, than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children. The day of Pentecost furnished a wonderful occasion. **In the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, what a testimony was given to the abundance of the grace of Christ!** Why is it that those who claim to believe advanced truth, live so far beneath their privileges? Why do they mingle self with all they do? **If they will cast out self, Jesus will pour into the thirsty soul a constant supply from the river of life**. ...

"Those who **realize their need** of repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, **will have contrition of soul**, will repent for their resistance of the Spirit of the Lord. They will confess their sin in refusing the light that Heaven has so graciously sent them, and they will **forsake the sin that grieved and insulted the Spirit of the Lord**. They will humble self, and accept the power and grace of Christ, acknowledging the messages of warning, reproof, and encouragement. Then their faith in the work of God will be made manifest, and they will rely upon the atoning sacrifice. They will make a personal appropriation of Christ's abundant grace and righteousness, and he will become to them a present Saviour; for they will **realize their need of him**, and with **complete trust** will **rest** in him. They will drink of the water of life from the divine, inexhaustible fountain. In a new and blessed experience, they will cast themselves upon Christ, and become partakers of the divine nature. **The human and the divine will co-operate every day, and the heart will well up in thanksgiving and praise to Christ**. Heavenly inspiration will have a part in the Christian experience, and we shall grow to the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus.

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"It is growth in knowledge of the character of Christ that sanctifies the soul. To discern and appreciate the wonderful work of the atonement, **transforms** him who contemplates the plan of salvation. By beholding Christ, he becomes changed into the same image, from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord. **The beholding of Jesus becomes an ennobling, refining process to the actual Christian. He sees the Pattern, and grows into its likeness,** and then how easily are dissensions, emulations, and strife adjusted. **The perfection of Christ's character is the Christian's inspiration.** When we see him as he is, desire awakes to be like him, and this elevates the whole man; for 'every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.'

"I feel sad when I think how for long years there has been a gradual lowering of the standard. I have been shown that very few realize the constant presence of the divine Watcher who declares, 'I know thy works.' **Through the indulgence of sin, many have forfeited the favor of God, misrepresented Jesus, forgotten his presence, forgotten that they are living in his sight, and so have added evil to evil.** All such are foolish virgins. They have no abiding consolation. **The power of Christ** is to be the comfort, the hope, the crown of rejoicing, of every one that follows Jesus in his conflict, in his struggles in life. **He who truly follows the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world, can shout as he advances, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.'**

"What kind of faith is it that overcomes the world? –

It is that faith which **makes Christ your own personal Saviour,** –

that faith which, recognizing your helplessness, your utter inability to save yourself, **takes hold of the Helper who is mighty to save,** as your only hope.

It is faith that will not be discouraged, that hears the voice of Christ saying,

'Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world, and my divine strength is yours.'

It is the faith that hears him say, 'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.'

"The **reason why the churches are weak and sickly** and ready to die, is that the enemy has brought influences of a discouraging nature to bear upon trembling souls. **He has sought to shut Jesus from their view as the Comforter, as one who reproves, who warns, who admonishes them, saying, 'This is the way, walk ye in it.'** Christ has all power in heaven and in earth, and he can strengthen the wavering, and set right the erring. He can inspire with confidence, with hope in God; and confidence in God always results in creating confidence in one another.

"**Every soul must have a realization that Christ is his personal Saviour;** then love and zeal and **steadfastness** will be manifest in the Christian life. However clear and convincing the truth is, it will fail to sanctify the soul, fail to strengthen and fortify it in its conflicts, **unless it is brought in constant contact with life.** Satan has achieved his greatest success through interposing himself between the soul and the Saviour.

"**Christ should never be out of the mind.** The angels said concerning him, 'Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.' Jesus, precious Saviour! assurance, helpfulness, security, and peace are all in him. He is the dispeller of all our doubts, the earnest of all our hopes. **How precious is the thought that we may indeed become partakers of the divine nature, whereby we may overcome as Christ overcame!** Jesus is the fullness of our expectation. He is the melody of our songs, the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. He is living water to the thirsty soul. He is our refuge in the storm. He is our righteousness, our sanctification, our redemption. When Christ is our **personal** Saviour, we shall show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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"**This great spiritual destitution is not caused by any failure on the part of Christ doing all that is possible for the Church.** Our Heavenly Father bestowed all Heaven in one gift, – that of his dear Son. The work of the Holy Spirit is not to daub with untempered mortar, but it is to convince the world of sin, of righteousness, of judgment to come. Jesus says, 'And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.' The revelation of the Son of God upon the cross, dying for the sins of men, draws the hearts of men by the **power of infinite love**, and convinces the sinner of sin. Christ died because the law was transgressed, that guilty man might be saved from the penalty of his enormous guilt. But history has proved that it is easier to destroy the world than to reform it; for men crucified the Lord of glory, who came to unite earth with heaven, and man with God." RH, August 26, 1890

### **Scenes of the Second Advent**

"For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.' Deut. 32:22.

"Every satanic agency is now at work with power from beneath. The day of death is not set before us in the Word as the great constraining motive impelling us to be wide awake and determined in improving our opportunities. What motive does God present in His Word to all His workers? ... 'The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly' (Zeph. 1:14). And before the coming of this last great day, we are to proclaim the **last message of mercy** to a fallen world, to **prepare men and women for the Lord's second coming**.

"**Everything that can be devised by the enemy to occupy the mind, and to divert attention from this message, will be devised.** But we are to go forward in the proclamation of the Word of the Lord. The end of all things is at hand. The coming of the Lord in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory, is very near. ...

"In the day of His coming, the last great trumpet is heard, and there is a terrible shaking of earth and heaven. The whole earth, from the loftiest mountains to the deepest mines, will hear. Everything will be penetrated by fire. The tainted atmosphere will be cleansed by fire. The fire having fulfilled its mission, the dead that have been laid away in the grave will come forth – some to the resurrection of life, to be caught up to meet their Lord in the air, and some to behold the coming of Him whom they have despised and whom they now recognize as the Judge of all the earth.

"**All the righteous are untouched by the flames.** They can walk through the fire, as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego walked in the midst of the furnace heated seven times hotter than it was wont to be heated. The Hebrew worthies could not be consumed, because the form of the fourth, the Son of God, was with them. So in the day of the coming of the Lord, smoke and flame will be powerless to harm the righteous. Those who are united with the Lord will escape unscathed. **Earthquakes, hurricanes, flame, and flood cannot injure those who are prepared to meet their Saviour in peace.** But those who rejected our Saviour, and scourged and crucified Him, will be among those who will be raised from the dead to behold His coming in the clouds of heaven, attended by the heavenly host – ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands. ...

"This scene has been presented before me as fully as I could bear to behold it. Then the scene has changed, and scenes of things existing at the present time have passed before me." UL 261.6

"Everyone who heareth is to say: Come. Not only ministers, but the people. **All are to join in the invitation. Not only by their profession, but by their character and dress, all are to have a winning influence.** They are made trustees for the world, executors of the will of One who has bequeathed sacred truth to men. **Would that all could feel the dignity and glory of their God-given trust.**" 5T 207.1

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"The substance of the second angel's message is again given to the world by that other angel who lightens the earth with his glory. **These messages all blend in one, to come before the people in the closing days of this earth's history.** All the world will be tested, and all that have been in the darkness of error in regard to the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will **understand** the **last message** of mercy that is to be given to men." 2SM 116.2

"The Lord calls upon you, oh, church that has been blessed with the truth, to give a knowledge of this truth to those who know it not. **From one end of the world to the other must the message of Christ's soon coming be proclaimed.** The third angel's message – the **last message of mercy to a perishing world** – is so **precious**, so **glorious**. Let the truth go forth as a lamp that burneth. Mysteries into which angels desire to look, which prophets and kings and righteous men desired to know, the church of God is to make known." MM 333.4

"All His purposes will be fulfilled and established. **His law is linked with His throne**, and satanic agencies combined with human agencies **cannot destroy it.** **Truth** is inspired and guarded by God; **it will live, and will succeed**, although it may appear at times to be overshadowed. **The gospel of Christ is the law exemplified in character.** The deceptions practiced against it, every device for vindicating falsehood, every error forged by satanic agencies, will eventually be eternally broken, and the **triumph of truth** will be like the appearing of the sun at noonday. The Sun of Righteousness shall shine forth with healing in His wings, and the whole earth shall be filled with His glory."  
Maranatha 18.3