

JESUS' FINAL WARNING IN LOVE TO THE WHOLE WORLD PART I

The fourteenth chapter is the climax of the book of Revelation. This is the last message to the world. The message of Jesus in this chapter outlines the great controversy over worship to the beast and his image and worship of the Lamb. The controversy will centre around the day of worship. The Sabbath and Sunday issue will divide the world into those who worship God and those who worship the devil. In this lesson we will first of all look at the group of people who will faithfully follow and proclaim this message to the whole world. Then we will notice the exciting message of the first angel.

THE 144,000 HAVE THE SABBATH SEAL AND THE CHARACTER OF GOD WHICH IS THE FATHER'S NAME WRITTEN IN THEIR FOREHEADS

1. Who did John see in vision? Where were they and what did they have in their forehead? Rev 14:1; Jn 1:29; Heb 12:22.

Ans: a. ¹And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an _____ forty and four thousand, having his Father's _____ written in their _____. Rev 14:1.

Ans: b. ²⁹The next day John seeth _____ coming unto him, and saith, Behold the _____ of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. Jn 1:29

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Ans: e. Having the Father's Name written in their foreheads is the same as having His character. O that every one would realize the evil of foolish conversation, and correct the habit of speaking _____ words! Let every one who has indulged in this sin _____ of it, _____ it before God, and put it far from him. In speaking foolish words, you have dishonored the name of Christ; for you have misrepresented Him in _____. No word of guile was found in His lips, no word of prevarication or falsehood. The people that are described as making up the one hundred and forty-four thousand, have the Father's _____ written in their foreheads, and of them it is said: "In their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God." Rev. 14:5. See note below

Ans: f. Father's name the same as having the seal of God. The mighty power of the Holy Spirit works an entire _____ in the _____ of the human agent, making him a new _____ in Christ Jesus. When a man is filled with the Spirit, the more severely he is _____ and tried, the more clearly he proves that he is a _____ of Christ. The peace that dwells in the soul is seen on the countenance. The words and actions express the _____ of the Saviour. There is no striving for the highest place. Self is _____. The name of Jesus is _____ on all that is _____ and done.

We may talk of the blessings of the Holy Spirit, but unless we prepare ourselves for its reception, of what avail are our works? Are we striving with all our power to attain to the _____ of men and women in Christ? Are we seeking for His fullness, ever pressing toward the mark set before us-- the _____ of His character? When the Lord's people reach this mark, they will be _____ in their _____. Filled with the Spirit, they will be complete in Christ, and the recording angel will declare, "It is finished" See note below.

Ans: g. The Seal of God the Sabbath. If the light of truth has been presented to you, revealing the _____ 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 _____ Sabbath, refusing to keep holy the Sabbath which God calls "My holy day," you receive the mark of the beast. When does this take place?--When you obey the decree that commands you to cease from labor on _____ 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 _____ of the beast, and _____ the _____ 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 _____ of the living God is placed upon _____ who conscientiously _____ the _____ of the Lord. See note below

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THE 144,000 SING THE SONG OF DELIVERANCE, THE SONG OF MOSES WHEN THEY ARE ON THE SEA OF GLASS IN HEAVEN

2. What song did John hear in heaven? Rev 14:2,3.

Ans: a. ²And I heard a voice from heaven, as the _____ of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: ³And they sung as it were a _____ song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were _____ from the earth. Rev 14:2,3.

Ans: b. **The many waters**, the great thunder, and the voice of harpers are the _____. See note below

Ans: c. **Upon the crystal sea before the throne**, that sea of _____ as it were mingled with fire,--so resplendent is it with the glory of God,--are gathered the company that have "gotten the _____ over the _____, and over his _____, and over his _____, and over the _____ of his name" (Rev 15:2). With the Lamb upon Mount Zion, "having the harps of God," they stand, the hundred and forty and four thousand that were redeemed from among men; and there is heard, as the sound of many waters, and as the sound of a great thunder, "the voice of harpers harping with their harps." And they sing "a new song" before the throne, a song which no man can learn save the hundred and forty and four thousand. It is the song of _____ and the _____--a song of _____ (Rev 15:3). None but the hundred and forty-four thousand can learn that song; for it is the song of their experience--an _____ such as _____ other company have ever had. "These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth." These, having been _____ from the earth, from among the _____, are counted as "the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb." Revelation 15:2, 3; 14:1-5. "These are they which came out of great tribulation;" they have passed through the time of _____ such as never was since there was a nation; they have endured the anguish of the time of _____ trouble; they have stood without an intercessor through the final outpouring of God's judgments. But they have been delivered, for they have "washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." "In their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault" before God. "Therefore are they _____ the throne of God, and _____ Him day and night in His _____; and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them." They have seen the earth wasted with famine and pestilence, the sun having power to scorch men with great heat, and they themselves have endured suffering, hunger, and thirst. But "they shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the _____ which is in the midst of the throne shall _____ them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall _____ away all _____ from their eyes." Revelation 7:14-17. See note below

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3. How are these 144,000 further described? Rev 14:4.

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Ans: a. ⁴These are they which were not _____ with _____; for they are _____ . These are they which _____ the _____ whithersoever he _____ . These were _____ from among men, *being* the _____ unto God and to the Lamb. Rev 14:4.

Ans: b. These are they that were not defiled with women. The 144,000 will have nothing to with the _____ doctrines of the woman called _____ and her daughters or false _____ that deceive the whole world with their false _____ (Rev 17:1-5; 18; 14:8; 18:21-23). The two doctrines that she will particularly deceive the whole world with are the _____ of the soul and _____ sacredness. The 144,000 will follow the _____ and His _____ and will not be deceived or defiled with this false doctrine. See note below.

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4. What is the character of these 144,000? Rev 14:5

Ans: a. ⁵And in their mouth was found no _____: for they are without _____ before the throne of God. Rev 14:5

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Says the prophet: "_____ may abide the day of His _____? and who shall _____ when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall _____ the sons of Levi, and _____ them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." Malachi 3:2, 3. Those who are living upon the earth when the _____ of Christ shall _____ in the _____ above are to stand in the sight of a holy God _____ a _____. Their robes must be _____,

their characters must be purified from sin by the blood of sprinkling. Through the _____ of God and their own diligent _____ they must be conquerors in the battle with evil. While the investigative judgment is going forward in heaven, while the sins of _____ believers are being _____ from the _____, there is to be a special work of purification, of putting _____ of _____, among God's people upon earth. This work is more clearly presented in the messages of Revelation 14. See note below

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Says the prophet: "Who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." Malachi 3:2, 3. Those who are living upon the earth when the intercession of Christ shall cease in the sanctuary above are to stand in the sight of a holy God without a mediator. Their robes must be spotless, their characters must be purified from sin by the blood of sprinkling. Through the grace of God and their own diligent effort they must be conquerors in the battle with evil. While the investigative judgment is going forward in heaven, while the sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, there is to be a special work of purification, of putting away of sin, among God's people upon earth. This work is more clearly presented in the messages of Revelation 14.

THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE FROM 1798 UNTIL THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

5. What is the first angels message and who is it for? Rev 14:6,7.

Ans: a. ⁶And I saw another _____ fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting _____ to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to _____ nation, and kindred, and tongue, and _____, ⁷Saying with a loud voice, _____ God, and give _____ to him; for the hour of his _____ is come: and _____ him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. Rev 14:6,7

Ans: b. And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven. This first angel of three is a _____ that John saw in vision of a _____ that is to go to the whole _____. It is the everlasting _____ that this angel is in charge of and that gospel is to be preached by men in all the world as a witness to all nations before the end is to come. The term in the midst of heaven indicates the whole _____ is to hear this _____ message.

¹⁴And this _____ of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto _____ nations; and then shall the _____ come. Mt 24:14.

¹⁴How then shall they call on him in whom they have not _____? and how shall they _____ in him of whom they have not _____? and how shall they _____ without a _____? Rom 10:14

When will the _____ do her appointed work? _____ is _____ as an _____ of light, flying through heaven with the everlasting gospel to be proclaimed to the world. This represents the _____ and directness with which the _____ is to prosecute her work. See note below.

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¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the _____ of Christ: for it is the _____ of God unto _____ to every one that _____; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Rom 1:16.

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¹²That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. ¹³In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye _____ the word of truth, the _____ of your _____: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. Eph 1:12-14.

⁶That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his _____ in Christ by the _____: Eph 3:6.

¹⁰But is now made manifest by the _____ of our Saviour _____ Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought _____ and _____ to light through the _____: 2 Tim 1:10.

⁸In flaming fire taking _____ on them that _____ not God, and that _____ not the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 Thes 1:8.

Ans: d. To preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. The Seventh Day _____ Church is preaching this gospel in _____ countries out of the _____ countries of the world with a very fast growing membership of over 10 million. The other _____ countries that will not allow _____ entry into their area because of _____ or _____ governments still have Seventh Day Adventists _____. In these countries they practice Christianity in _____ for fear of their lives. These Seventh Day Adventists have heard the message either by the worldwide _____ programs that are sent to virtually every country of the world, or in some cases by _____ that have taught people of inaccessible areas the three angels messages of Revelation 14, and the 27 fundamental _____ teachings of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

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The Adventist Church is the _____ worldwide Church giving the message of Revelation _____ to the world. It is being spread by worldwide _____, Down link _____ sites all over the world, by _____, by _____ and by preaching. Soon the work will be finished and Jesus will come to take us home (Mt 24:14). Would _____ like to be a part of the group that accept and obey the message of Revelation 14? See note below.

Ans: e. Saying with a loud voice. A Great _____ awakening under the proclamation of Christ's soon coming, is foretold in the prophecy of the _____ angel's message of Revelation 14.

The fact that an angel is said to be the _____ of this warning, is _____. By the purity, the glory, and the _____ of the heavenly _____, divine wisdom has been pleased to represent the exalted character of the work to be accomplished by the message, and the _____ and glory that were to attend it. And the angel's flight "in the midst of heaven," the "loud voice" with which the warning is uttered, and its promulgation to all "that dwell on the earth,"--"to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,"--give evidence of the _____ and _____-wide extent of the movement. The message itself sheds light as to the _____ when this movement is to take place. It is declared to be a part of the "everlasting gospel;" and it _____ the opening of the _____. The message of salvation has been preached in all ages; but this message is a part of the gospel which could be proclaimed _____ in the _____ days, for only then would it be true that the _____ of Judgment had _____. The prophecies present a _____ of events _____ down to the opening of the Judgment. This is especially true of the book of _____. But that part of his prophecy which related to the last days, Daniel was bidden to close up and seal "to the _____ of the _____." Not till we reach this time could a message concerning the Judgment be proclaimed, based on a fulfillment of these prophecies. But at the time of the end, says the prophet, "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." [1 DAN. 12:4.]

The apostle _____ warned the church _____ to look for the _____ of Christ in _____ day. "That day shall not come," he says, "except there come a _____ away first, and that man of sin be revealed." [2 THESS. 2:3.] Not till after the great _____, and the long period of the reign of the "man of sin," can we look for the advent of our Lord. The "man of sin," which is also styled the "mystery of iniquity," the "son of perdition," and "that wicked," represents the _____, which, as foretold in prophecy, was to maintain its supremacy for _____ years. This period ended in _____. The coming of Christ could _____ take place _____ that _____. Paul covers with his _____ the whole of the Christian dispensation down to the year _____. It is this side of that time that the message of Christ's second coming is to be proclaimed.

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Ans: f. Fear God. ¹³Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: _____ God, and keep his _____: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man. ¹⁴For God shall bring every work into _____, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil. Eccl 12:13,14.

⁷The _____ of the LORD *is* the beginning of _____: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction. Prov 1:7.

⁷Be not wise in thine own eyes: _____ the LORD, and _____ from _____. Prov 3:7.

¹³The _____ of the LORD *is* to _____ evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the _____ way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. Prov 8:13.

The _____ of the LORD *is* the beginning of _____: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding. Prov 9:10.

¹¹The LORD taketh _____ in them that _____ him, in those that hope in his mercy. Ps 147:11.

¹⁰The _____ of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his* _____: his praise endureth for ever. Ps 111:10.

¹⁷But the _____ of the LORD *is* from _____ to everlasting upon them that _____ him, and his righteousness unto children's children; ¹⁸To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his _____ to do them. Ps 103:17,18.

⁷The _____ of the LORD _____ round about them that _____ him, and delivereth them. Ps 34:7.

⁵And a voice came out of the _____, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that _____ him, both small and great. ⁶And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Rev 19:5,6.

⁷By faith _____, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with _____, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. Heb 11:7.

The _____ of God ever tends to the _____ of God--fear to _____ Him. Those who are truly converted will not venture heedlessly upon the borders of any _____, lest they _____ the _____ of God and are left to their own way, to be filled with their own doings. The _____ of God is the _____; turn not from its pages to depend upon the human agent. That Book contains the _____, the admonitions, from God, the rebuke of every evil, the clear _____ of sin as the _____ of the law which is God's great standard of virtue and holiness. The Word is full of warnings, of the most merciful invitations, and also of words in decided condemnation of evil. Not one who will study the Word of God and apply its teachings will miss the way. By the _____ of God, by the _____ of God, by the reverence and honor we feel for the Author of truth and righteousness, we are instructed, admonished, and profited.

Noah did not mix the _____, pleasing deceptions of _____ with his message. He did not utter the sentiment of many of his day who declared that God was too _____ to do such a terrible work. Many asserted that God would grant the wicked _____ season of _____; but Noah did not indulge them in the faintest hope that those who neglected the present opportunity, who rejected the present message, would be favored with another opportunity of salvation. God means that men shall not only _____ him, but that his _____ shall be in their hearts. Noah's _____ was mingled with _____; for it is written that Noah, being warned of God, moved with _____, prepared an ark for the _____ of his house. His faith intensified his _____; for it was no _____ fear that moved him. He dared not suppress the words of God for fear of men, or withhold his message in dread of the consequences that might result because of the opposition and hate of the wicked and unbelieving about him. He knew the _____ of God, and realized that God would _____ his word. His _____ of God did not _____ him from God, but served to draw him _____ to him, and to lead him to pour out his soul in earnest supplication.

The lawyer asked Christ, "Which is the great commandment?" The answer was, that he should _____ God with all his heart, and his neighbor as himself. "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now it is impossible for us to _____ God with all our heart while breaking the _____ commandment, for this precept stands in the center of the decalogue. We should be as a family of obedient children, having the _____ of God before us--_____ slavish fear, but _____ fear. There is promised a reward for the obedient and also punishment to the disobedient. Should we decree that God's law is not worthy to be kept, are we not enemies of the Lord? Would He not regard us as such? We are God's children. He has placed sacred things in our trust, and if we say we love Him and do not obey, then we have not the love of God perfected in us. See note below.

Ans: g. And give glory to Him. The word _____ when used of God's people here is the Greek word *doxa* (δόξα) with the meaning: "in the NT always a good opinion concerning one, resulting in _____, honour, and glory." (The Enhanced Strong's Lexicon). See note below.

³¹Whether therefore ye _____, or drink, or whatsoever ye _____, do all to the _____ of God. 1 Cor 10:31.

¹⁸And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy _____. ¹⁹And he said, I will make all my _____ pass before thee, and I will proclaim the _____ of the LORD before thee; and will be _____ to whom I will be gracious, and will shew _____ on whom I will shew mercy. Ex 33:18,19.

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⁵And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the _____ of the LORD. ⁶And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, _____ and gracious, _____, and abundant in goodness and truth, ⁷Keeping _____ for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty*; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation*. Ex 34:5-7.

²¹And she named the child _____, saying, The _____ is _____ from Israel: because the _____ of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband. ²²And she said, The _____ is departed from Israel: for the _____ of God is taken. 1 Sam 4:21,22.

⁹There was nothing in the _____ save the two tables of _____, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a *covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy *place*, that the _____ filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the _____: for the _____ of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD. 1 Kings 8:9-11.

⁴Who are Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and the _____, and the _____, and the giving of the _____, and the service of *God*, and the promises; Rom 9:4.

¹⁸But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the _____ of the Lord, are _____ into the same _____ from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Cor 3:18.

To give _____ to God is to reveal his _____ in our _____, and thus make him known. And in whatever way we make known the Father or the Son, we glorify God.

"We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory [from _____ to character], *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord." The human _____ is changed into the _____. It is the spiritual eye that discerns this glory. It is veiled, shrouded in mystery, until the Holy Spirit imparts this discernment to the soul. The reason of the _____ man may seek to discern it, his intellect may think to comprehend it, but neither can _____ it. Those who possess the greatest amount of knowledge are still ignorant of it, until God _____ light to the soul.

Christ came to the world that we might become _____ creatures, created after the similitude of his own _____; that we might have purity like the purity of God, have perfection like his perfection. In the work of regeneration, the original _____ begins to be _____. The attributes of the _____ of Christ are imparted to the soul, and the _____ of the divine begins to shine forth. See note below.

Ans: h. For the hour of His judgment is come. The "hour of His judgment is come" could not be preached until the prophecy of the _____ days ending in _____ was first opened to the understanding. This prophecy was shut up until the time of the end which commenced at the end of the _____ day prophecy in _____ (Dan 8:14, 17,26,27; 12:4-7).

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In _____, three years after _____ had arrived at his exposition of the _____ pointing to the time of the _____, Dr. Joseph Wolff, "the missionary to the world," began to proclaim the Lord's soon _____.

Like the great Reformation of the sixteenth century, the _____ movement appeared in _____ countries of Christendom at the same _____. In both _____ and _____ men of faith and prayer were led to the study of the _____, and, tracing down the inspired record, they saw convincing evidence that the end of all things was at hand. In different lands there were isolated bodies of Christians who, solely by the _____ of the _____, arrived at the belief that the Saviour's _____ was _____.

Before this time the _____ was always referred to as future as in the time of Paul: "²⁴And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

²⁵And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and _____ to _____, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee." Act s 24:24,25.

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⁸If ye fulfil the royal _____ according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: ⁹But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit _____, and are convinced of the _____ as transgressors. ¹⁰For whosoever shall keep the _____ law, and yet offend in _____ *point*, he is guilty of _____. ¹¹For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the _____. ¹²So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be _____ by the _____ of liberty. James 2:8-12.

The messages of Revelation 14 constitute a threefold warning which is to _____ the inhabitants of the earth for the Lord's second _____. The announcement, "The hour of His judgment is come," points to the _____ work of _____ ministration for the salvation of men. It heralds a truth which must be proclaimed until the Saviour's _____ shall _____ and He shall return to the earth to take His people to Himself. The work of _____ which began in _____ must continue until the cases of all are decided, both of the living and the dead; hence it will extend to the _____ of human _____. That men may be _____ to stand in the judgment, the message commands them to "fear God, and give glory to Him," "and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." The result of an acceptance of

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these messages is given in the word: "Here are they that _____ the _____ of God, and the faith of Jesus." In order to be prepared for the judgment, it is necessary that men should _____ the _____ of God. That law will be the standard of character in the judgment. The apostle Paul declares: "As many as have _____ in the law shall be _____ by the law, . . . in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ." And he says that "the _____ of the _____ shall be justified." Romans 2:12-16. Faith is essential in order to the keeping of the law of God; for "without _____ it is impossible to please Him." And "whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Hebrews 11:6; Romans 14:23. See note below

Ans: i. And worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. This phrase is a direct quote of the last part of the _____ commandment to keep the _____. This part of the ten commandments gives the _____ for keeping the Sabbath: "For in six days the LORD _____ heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and _____ the seventh day: wherefore the LORD _____ the sabbath day, and _____ it. Ex 20:11."

This message, if heeded, will call the attention of every nation and kindred and tongue and people to a close examination of the Word, and to the true light in regard to the power that has _____ the seventh-day _____ to a spurious Sabbath. The only true God has been _____, His law has been _____, His sacred Sabbath institution has been _____ in the dust by the man of sin. The fourth commandment, so plain and explicit, has been ignored. The Sabbath memorial, declaring who the living God is, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, has been torn down, and a _____ Sabbath has been given to the world in its _____. Thus a breach has been made in the law of God. A false _____ could not be a true standard. In the first angel's message men are called upon to worship God, our Creator, who made the world and all things that are therein. They have paid homage to an _____ of the _____, making of _____ effect the _____ of Jehovah, but there is to be an increase of knowledge on this subject. See note below

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Fear God. The love of God ever tends to the fear of God--fear to offend Him. Those who are truly converted will not venture heedlessly upon the borders of any evil, lest they grieve the Spirit of God and are left to their own way, to be filled with their own doings. The Word of God is the Guidebook; turn not from its pages to depend upon the human agent. That Book contains the warnings, the admonitions, from God, the rebuke of every evil, the clear definition of sin as the transgression of the law which is God's great standard of virtue and holiness. The Word is full of warnings, of the most merciful invitations, and also of words in decided condemnation of evil. Not one who will study the Word of God and apply its teachings will miss the way. By the love of God, by the fear of God, by the reverence and honor we feel for the Author of truth and righteousness, we are instructed, admonished, and profited.

Noah did not mix the soft, pleasing deceptions of Satan with his message. He did not utter the sentiment of many of his day who declared that God was too merciful to do such a terrible work. Many asserted that God would grant the wicked another season of probation; but Noah did not indulge them in the faintest hope that those who neglected the present opportunity, who rejected the present message, would be favored with another opportunity of salvation. God means that men shall not only love him, but that his fear shall be in their hearts. Noah's faith was mingled with fear; for it is written that Noah, being warned of God, moved with fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his house. His faith intensified his fear; for it was no cowardly fear that moved him. He dared not suppress the words of God for fear of men, or withhold his message in dread of the consequences that might result because of the opposition and hate of the wicked and unbelieving about him. He knew the power of God, and realized that God would fulfill his word. His fear of God did not separate him from God, but served to draw him closer to him, and to lead him to pour out his soul in earnest supplication.

The lawyer asked Christ, "Which is the great commandment?" The answer was, that he should love God with all his heart, and his neighbor as himself. "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now it is impossible for us to love God with all our heart while breaking the fourth commandment, for this precept stands in the center of the decalogue. We should be as a family of obedient children, having the fear of God before us--not slavish fear, but filial fear. There is promised a reward for the obedient and also punishment to the disobedient. Should we decree that God's law is not worthy to be kept, are we not enemies of the Lord? Would He not regard us as such? We are God's children. He has placed sacred things in our trust, and if we say we love Him and do not obey, then we have not the love of God perfected in us.

And give glory to Him. The word glory when used of God's people here is the Greek word *doxa* (*grýd*) with the meaning: "in the NT always a good opinion concerning one, resulting in praise, honour, and glory." (The Enhanced Strong's Lexicon). To give glory to God is to reveal his character in our own, and thus make him known. And in whatever way we make known the Father or the Son, we glorify God.

"We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory [from character to character], even as by the Spirit of the Lord." The human character is changed into the divine. It is the spiritual eye that discerns this glory. It is veiled, shrouded in mystery, until the Holy Spirit imparts this discernment to the soul. The reason of the natural man may seek to discern it, his intellect may think to comprehend it, but neither can behold it. Those who possess the greatest amount of knowledge are still ignorant of it, until God communicates light to the soul.

Christ came to the world that we might become new creatures, created after the similitude of his own character; that we might have purity like the purity of God, have perfection like his perfection. In the work of regeneration, the original loveliness begins to be restored. The attributes of the character of Christ are imparted to the soul, and the image of the divine begins to shine forth.

For the hour of His judgment is come. The "hour of His judgment is come" could not be preached until the prophecy of the 2,300 days ending in 1844 was first opened to the understanding. This prophecy was shut up until the time of the end, which commenced at the end of the 1260-day prophecy in 1798 (Dan 8:14, 17,26,27; 12:4-7).

No such message has ever been given in past ages. Paul, as we have seen, did not preach it; he pointed his brethren into the then far-distant future for the coming of the Lord. The Reformers did not proclaim it. Martin Luther placed the judgment about three hundred years in the future from his day. But since 1798 the book of Daniel has been unsealed, knowledge of the prophecies has increased, and many have proclaimed the solemn message of the judgment near.

In 1821, three years after Miller had arrived at his exposition of the prophecies pointing to the time of the judgment, Dr. Joseph Wolff, "the missionary to the world," began to proclaim the Lord's soon coming.

Like the great Reformation of the sixteenth century, the advent movement appeared in different countries of Christendom at the same time. In both Europe and America men of faith and prayer were led to the study of the prophecies, and, tracing down the inspired record, they saw convincing evidence that the end of all things was at hand. In different lands there were isolated bodies of Christians who, solely by the study of the Scriptures, arrived at the belief that the Saviour's advent was near.

Before this time the judgment was always referred to as future as in the time of Paul: ²⁴"And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. ²⁵And as he reasoned of

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righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.” Act s 24:24,25.

¹³Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man. ¹⁴For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil. Eccl 12:13,14.

⁸If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: ⁹But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all. ¹¹For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty. James 2:8-12.

The messages of Revelation 14 constitute a threefold warning which is to prepare the inhabitants of the earth for the Lord's second coming. The announcement, "The hour of His judgment is come," points to the closing work of Christ's ministration for the salvation of men. It heralds a truth which must be proclaimed until the Saviour's intercession shall cease and He shall return to the earth to take His people to Himself. The work of judgment which began in 1844 must continue until the cases of all are decided, both of the living and the dead; hence it will extend to the close of human probation. That men may be prepared to stand in the judgment, the message commands them to "fear God, and give glory to Him," "and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." The result of an acceptance of these messages is given in the word: "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." In order to be prepared for the judgment, it is necessary that men should keep the law of God. That law will be the standard of character in the judgment. The apostle Paul declares: "As many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law, . . . in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ." And he says that "the doers of the law shall be justified." Romans 2:12-16. Faith is essential in order to the keeping of the law of God; for "without faith it is impossible to please Him." And "whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Hebrews 11:6; Romans 14:23.

And worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. This phrase is a direct quote of the last part of the fourth commandment to keep the Sabbath. This part of the ten commandments gives the reason for keeping the Sabbath: “¹¹For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. Ex 20:11.”

This message, if heeded, will call the attention of every nation and kindred and tongue and people to a close examination of the Word, and to the true light in regard to the power that has changed the seventh-day Sabbath to a spurious Sabbath. The only true God has been forsaken, His law has been discarded, His sacred Sabbath institution has been trampled in the dust by the man of sin. The fourth commandment, so plain and explicit, has been ignored. The Sabbath memorial, declaring who the living God is, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, has been torn down, and a spurious Sabbath has been given to the world in its place. Thus a breach has been made in the law of God. A false Sabbath could not be a true standard. In the first angel's message men are called upon to worship God, our Creator, who made the world and all things that are therein. They have paid homage to an institution of the Papacy, making of no effect the law of Jehovah, but there is to be an increase of knowledge on this subject.

6. Would you like to fear God and give glory to Him by keeping the Sabbath in preparation for the judgment and the Second Coming of Christ? _____