

Abomination Anti Venom Series

3. The Abomination in the Garden, the Sacrificial System and the Covenants

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Tonight we want to continue on from our presentation last night in regard to the origin or the original abomination, looking at how the rejection of the Father and Son teaching led to a false justice system and the enthronement of Satan in this teaching of false justice which led to the whole concept of penal substitution or substitutionary atonement through death.

We want to go a little bit further with that tonight in how this came into humanity and we'll get some texts in the original story of how the human family has operated and then we will use that as a basis in the next presentation after that, to look at some of the difficulties we have in reading through the Scriptures because of the justice system that's in our DNA that comes from Satan and not from God. So let us kneel and we will pray.

Father in Heaven, I just pray for the gift of Your Spirit and I know because You are a wonderful Father that You will supply all our needs, that You will surround us with Your angels and as we walk this important path in terms of understanding the key elements in the conflict between good and evil and what has caused this controversy to go on so long and what will bring its conclusion as we study the subjects of righteousness, of mercy, of justice and of truth. We thank you in Jesus name. Amen.

I just want to start off by a very important text in Psalm 94:20. A text that has some very interesting implications and we remember, we read in Isaiah 14:12-14 and Satan said "I will exalt my throne above the stars" and here is the throne, this throne that has been talked about in Psalm 94:20. It says, "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?"

Another way we could look at this is found in Romans 7:11 and it says, "For sin, taking occasion by [what?] the commandment." Sin taking occasion by the commandment. What did it do? "Deceived me, and by it slew me." By the law, it slew me. What I would suggest to you is that this throne of iniquity was established in this concept of justice, and a concept of justice that was established in the rejection of one's inheritance, by ceasing to worship the great original Son of God who inherited all things from His Father, and in the rejection of the worship of Him, all these things began to unfold. So the throne of iniquity frames mischief, it frames mischief, by a law.

As we looked at last night, in *Desire of Ages*, page 761, Ellen White quotes Satan in that mercy and justice are opposed to each other. These are the things that we were looking at last night.

So we now want to move into this war that was in heaven. That's an interesting statement, isn't it. I just want to spend a little bit of time on this thought. We've covered this before but just to make sure because many people make this point, that Lucifer was cast out of heaven and his angels and do we have biblical proof for this that he was cast out of heaven. The scripture says it. Where does it say it? Revelations 12 tells us verse 7-9:

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. [That’s interesting. ‘Neither was their place found any more in heaven.’ What does that mean?]

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

When I used to do some 3D graphics and there I had a picture of God's angels with these big swords throwing Satan and his angels out of heaven. But if I'd only read a little bit earlier in the chapter, I would have discovered how Satan and his angels were cast out of heaven. It's in verse 4. This is talking specifically about the Roman power but it has reference to Satan. “And his tail drew a third of the stars and did” what? Who cast the angels to the earth? Satan did. How did he do it? With his tail which represents lies. The prophet that speaketh lies. He is the tail (Isaiah 9:15).

So through his lies, and what was the lie or the lies that Satan told the angels? They've gone too far. The first lie was you have your own life source, you have inherent life, you are an immortal being. That's the first lie. The second lie is you don't owe any gratitude to the Son of God. He claims that He gave everything to you but He didn't. You already possessed it within yourself. And then the next lie. Heavenly beings don't need laws to govern them. Lower orders of beings may need laws to government but not us. We have sufficient wisdom within ourselves. These are all lies that he is telling.

Then when God assembles all the universe, all the angelic beings and sets the true relation between Him and his Son, Satan moves against the law of God and that's when Lucifer stands up and says that we've gone too far now and then he states these words, “God will not forgive us”. I pondered that statement. To speak those words knowing, knowing absolutely that what he said was false is a mystery of iniquity. To explain it is to cause it to cease to be sin. There's no explanation for this. I often think about our Father and how much suffering He has endured needlessly because of that lie that he told the angels.

We know that nearly 50% of the angels were under Satan's influence but sixteen or seventeen percent of those angels refused to believe the lie that God will not forgive and they went back to God. They were restored into heaven without any external use of force or penalty being applied to them. The only penalty that is applied as is in any relationship is the sorrow that it has caused the one you have hurt. That's the punishment which they received.

The other third of the angels believed Satan when he said God will not forgive us, and because they refuse to believe that God would forgive them, they did not ask God to forgive them, and therefore God could not forgive them which would seem to suggest that Satan, what he said was true but they were the ones that had passed the judgment. They were the ones that have made the judgment and God operates as Jesus says in Matthew 7:2, as you judge, you will be judged, and the glory of the Lord became devouring fire in the eyes of the angels and so the presence of the Lord became unbearable to these angels and therefore the glory of the Lord cast out the angels.

Even as Christ cleansed the temple. How did He drive them out? For those who've read the story in the *Desire of Ages* when Jesus stood there, what was the sense that came over the people? A tremendous sense of dread and terror filled their souls as the divinity of the Father flashed through His Son, in beauty and in love and in grace, the Spirit of God was ready to heal these people but it was operating at a frequency that they wanted nothing to do with and so they ran out of the temple and they left.

This is how Satan and his angels were thrown out of heaven and we confirm this in Jude 6. It says, “And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation.” How do you read? Did God forcibly throw them out or did they leave from the presence of God with the guilt particularly of Lucifer, at the guilt of knowing that what he was saying to the angels was a lie, a bold-faced lie, and he couldn't stay in the presence of the Father anymore and so he left.

This is on page 12 of *Key to Empowering the Third Angel's Message*, the quote in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy in *Christ Triumphant*, page 200, says:

“There was war in heaven, and Satan and his followers were cast out. Expelled from heaven, Satan determined to set up a kingdom on this earth and win the human race to his side.”

So what was it that he was going to win the human race to? Well, to the same principles that he had started the war. The war that had begun in heaven he continued here on earth. That's another statement in the *Spirit of Prophecy*. So it's the same principles that are being applied. We understand how this came to the human family, to Adam and Eve.

We do not know for what reason that Adam and Eve were separated and how she came to find herself at the tree. In another place and another time, I remember we did a study in your home where we discussed, and we don't have time to go into it tonight, but we make the footnote that, as Adam and Eve held converse with all of the animals in the garden and the plants and the trees, there was some form of communication that existed between Adam and the creation. That in some way, that beautiful serpent in the garden did a deal with the devil. When you study the *Spirit of Prophecy* very carefully, that serpent, beautiful serpent, did a deal with the devil in order to allow Satan to take possession of it. I'm just footnoting that for you.

How much dominion, and we just need to think about this for a little moment, how many of the creatures of the garden did Adam and Eve have dominion over? All. Did that include this the serpent? So when Eve and Adam were separated, they were no longer walking in the Word of God were they. What was the Word of God to them? Do not separate. And once they separated, they were no longer protected and in that realm of lack of protection, Satan was able to come in and begin to influence the serpent.

Because we have to ask the question, if the serpent is under the dominion of Adam, what right does Lucifer have to come and take control of this serpent unless there was a protection issue that was released. It is important to walk within the words of God. We do have a presentation on the website addressing this issue, specifically a presentation where we go into much more detail. I just wanted to footnote it that God did not just let His creatures to be invaded by Lucifer, that there was a breach that had occurred. That's the only way that these things can take place and in that breach,

Lucifer stepped into and he conversed with that serpent, the most subtle of all the creatures in the garden and the dragon made a deal with the devil. Now, how that took place, I have no idea. I've no understanding.

But in any case, it says:

“Now the serpent was more subtle than any beasts of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said under the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.” (Genesis 3:1-3)

Eve was an intelligent woman. She was speaking to a serpent, which she obviously wondered how is it that this serpent has the speech that I have? Why am I able to communicate with this creature in my own tongue? That certainly would be a point of interest, wouldn't it? She could have conversed with it in its own tongue or own communication process, but it's now communicating with her in her own tongue which is interesting. And of course, we know that she says to the serpent, “you shall not eat of it. Neither shall you touch it lest you die” and in other places in the *Spirit of Prophecy*. And it's again, it's another one of those ...

We might call this the Titanic of the human race, a kaleidoscope of errors, one after the other that came together to sink the whole human race. And another one is that when she was aware that she was separated from her husband, what did she think? I have sufficient wisdom to deal with this situation. It's a mystery to me. Why did she think this? Well, I guess we'll find out all the details. I guess you have to be there in real time to know all things that are going on, which is like, wow, and you're all buzzed around. But she has this thought, like, I think I can handle this. Like, Mom, what are you doing? Please don't do this. So anyway, there she is.

I guess Adam was like, oh dear, God told me not to let her leave my side. How long did he wait before I went to look for her. She came and found him, so he was still there. Just reminds me the story of when 9/11 happened and there's George Bush just reading kids stories while he's being told that something bad is going on? Anyway, that's another story.

“For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” (Genesis 3:5)

So to be a god, what is he insinuating here about God? That God is good and evil. Isn't that the insinuation here, that God told you not to eat from this tree because He eats from this tree and it's through this tree that He knows good and evil. Did Adam and Eve know what evil was? Kind of making it out to be something good isn't he. Something that's being withheld from them.

“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food”, was it good for food? Did he actually tell that directly? I'm just I'm questioning now. He said don't eat of that tree. So if God says don't eat of it, then it's not good for food, is it? If the consequence of eating it is dying then it's probably not good for food but it appeared to be good.

And this is the point, when the woman saw that “the tree was good for food”. So now when she's looking at this like, wow, this is a beautiful tree, she's been reframed. Satan has reframed her. So she's looking at a tree and she's actually saying, wow, this is really, really a good thing. It says, “and it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit” and there are three words here in Hebrew that are very interesting. Says the woman that she saw that the tree was good, and she took. There is a real parallel here, there's a parallel here to the words of Julius Caesar. What did Julius Caesar say when he was conquering? I came, I saw, I took. Here is the origins of the beast power right here in this verse. I came, I saw, I conquered. The very spirit of Julius Caesar coming out of the mouth of his first mother. I find that intriguing.

The seeds and this is quite and we talk about this in the book, *Original Love*. And it's quite a horrifying thing. But of course, our first mother after conversing with Satan, she is in communication with what type of the spirit? An evil spirit. And if she is receiving information from an evil spirit and accepting that information, what does that make her? A medium.

When she now comes back to Adam and begins to talk to him with this instruction from the New World Order, what does that make Adam in relationship to her? Subservient or as I've labelled it, he becomes the sorceress's apprentice. She now is the leader. He is the servant. She is the teacher. He is the student. This is the New World Order. This is how things are reversed.

Of course, man now placing himself in this voluntary position would spend the rest of his time rebelling against that which he had placed himself into, and causing tremendous grief to his wife and the women in his life that instinctively he wishes to submit to, but to rule over at the same time. And there could be no better definition of insanity than that.

So we see that she takes of the fruit of the tree and in that statement, “you shall not surely die”, is the same lie packaged for mankind of inherent life source. It is a separation. It is a pulling away from the worship of the begotten Son, the one that has an inheritance because it is the worship of the begotten Son, which shields the soul from pride and arrogance and saying, “I don't owe anybody anything”. It is by beholding the begotten Son that you are protected from this. But if I can receive life from this tree at my disposal, I no longer need to worship the Son of God.

So in eating the fruit, we see that Satan now interjects his value system, his way of operating into the human family. And, of course, as we've described in the *Identity Wars* material that when Satan took the position that he did, he rejected his sonship to God, which means his identity was completely changed. He no longer identified himself as a son of God by a worship of the Son of God as the only channel to the Father. He worshiped himself and he worshiped the attributes and talents and abilities that he himself possessed. And he gained value by displaying those traits to others. And this is what came into the human race and we've all tasted of it. Anybody who has gone through the education system has tasted of this fruit and it's fairly bitter fruit to eat. As I say, anybody that has gone through 12 or 13 years of education has enough brain damage to prevent them from doing any great exploits except by the grace of God. I won't want to harp on about the Greco Roman education system and muscular Christianity in all that history.

But, in any case, there's another statement, I don't have it right here, but Satan said to Adam and Eve, he said, God will not forgive you. She states this statement, so you may as well join with me. You've gone too far. You've eaten the fruit of the tree.

On page 13, we have a very interesting statement here, and, of course, first of all, we're looking at Genesis 3:8-9:

“And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool [n the rûach] of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?”

This is all very familiar to us. But notice this.

“Eve believed the words of Satan, and the belief of that falsehood in regard to God's character changed the condition and character of both herself and her husband. {RH Jan 5th, 1886 par. 8}”

That's a very interesting piece of information, isn't it. So we see here, by falsehood told in regard to God's character, it changed the character of Adam and Eve. I mean, we say, well, obviously by beholding we become changed. So their characters were changed and we've investigated this before, if one third of the angels could have been forgiven and imagine if the story had gone this way, that Eve, she takes the fruit and she holds it and she looks at it at it and Adam rushes to the tree, races over and he grabs the fruit out of a hand and he throws it, let's say that 40 miles with the biceps that he had, and she's touched the fruit of the tree. Don't you realize that this is the foe. You can't, we cannot do this. Then what is Eve going to do at this particular point? She's touched the fruit of the tree. Would she ask for forgiveness? Adam would say, our Father is merciful and gracious, He will forgive you if you ask for forgiveness. In fact, I as the head of the home, I will take this upon myself because I shouldn't have let you leave my side. I will petition the Father for us to forgive us for this situation. What would have happened? They would have been forgiven. Because, the angels that were influenced by Lucifer, the 16 per cent, they were forgiven, they were reinstated. That's the same that would have happened for Adam and Eve.

Now, this is just a technical point. But is it possible that if Adam and Eve had of eaten the fruit, that if they had the capacity to ask for forgiveness, that God simply would have forgiven them?

If you don't believe in Satan's justice system and here we come to a difficult situation, I'll just make this particular point, when they ate the fruit of the tree, they sealed into their minds, their character changed. And how did their character change? They believed that God would not forgive, that His justice demanded death, and the eating of the fruit sealed that concept into their mind and burned the bridge of forgiveness. So the reason that they could not be forgiven was not because God could not forgive, but they could not believe that He could forgive.

Congregation: Adam couldn't even tell the truth when God asked him the truth. [And we need to we need to unpack that.] It would appear to be confirming the lie because they didn't drop dead. [Yes

and the fact that they ate the fruit and are still alive seemed to confirm what Satan had said, didn't it?] *Not that they would know what dead is.*

Now on the bottom of page 15, we just have an interesting side note. And this, again, is interesting. It says:

“An expression of sadness came over the face of Adam. He appeared astonished and alarmed. To the words of Eve he replied that this must be the foe against whom they had been warned and by the divine sentence, she must die.” {PP 56.1}

Is that true?

Congregation: Not true but they must have believed it. In today's law system, yes it is. But it's divine laws, isn't it. He hasn't taken of the tree yet.

He hasn't taken the fruit yet, but as we see here, divine sentence, she must die. God said, mûth mûth. Dying, you will die. If you eat the fruit of the tree, you will perish. And again, the English language is tantalizing us here because it can be read two ways. Did Adam actually think that God would kill her or did he actually think that she would just now perish for what she had done?

But in any case, why did God set up a system where this would happen and the reproach that is now upon himself? And why did I let him go? And all of these things. All this is racing through his mind in a split second, isn't it? He's mulling it over as he is thinking about it. But if these words mean by divine sentence that she must die, does there come up in the heart of Adam a sense of, I will go with her. Could that have been a response that Adam had in rebellion against God.

As it says in *Patriarchs and Prophets*, when Adam was about to eat the fruit, could not the words of the serpent be true. That's the spirit of rebellion, isn't it, that he's buying into these lies. What I find utterly amazing is that our Father in heaven, watching every millisecond of this event, and the Son, they do not intervene to stop the flow of this taking place. As we see in other places, this is the wrath of God, the wrath of God is to allow to unfold the consequences of our own decisions without seeking to interpose and to change our decision process after he is given sufficient evidence to make a proper decision. The wrath of God.

What I find very interesting here is that we see in Genesis 3, when God asks him in verse 9, “... said unto him, Where art thou?” Verse 10, “And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid”. Fear hath torment but perfect love casts out fear. Adam had torment, which means that he had lost agape, which means he'd cease to behold agape, “because I was naked and I hid myself. And he said, who told thee that thou wast naked?” Interesting question. Who told thee that thou was naked. “Whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, the woman who thou gavest to be with me, gave me of the tree, and I did eat.”

So with this new justice system, because we read the statement here that by divine sentence, Adam knows that she must die. When Adam is being questioned, Eve is not being questioned. Why? Well, she's questioned later, but he's being questioned first because she is bone of his bone and flesh of

his flesh. He is the head of the home. He holds the responsibility for the decision and that's why he was questioned first.

Knowing by his own conviction that she must die, when he is questioned and, knowing that he himself has eaten the fruit, what is his conviction then about what God would do to him? That he must die. And so God is coming to him and questioning him. He's thinking, this question is going to lead to my death. And so when he answers this question, he says, “The woman.” Who suggested that to Adam?

Congregation: It's very interesting to me that he seemed as Romeo and Juliet romantic notion that he would die with her. He was all ready to die with her. You know, but the moment he actually eats the fruit, all his courage vanishes and he throws her under the bus and it just shows that this illusion of romance or it actually comes down to it. I thought Adam was going to be all, you know, going through with the consequences with her. There is no chivalry in sinfulness. But he didn't know what death was.

He knew it wasn't going to be good. He knew it was really bad and he knew it was bad because he hid himself in the garden. He was afraid. He didn't want to speak to God. He knew that this was not very good. And so while he might not know the experience of it, he knew that it was going to radically alter and cause him great difficulty.

So here we see, and what I would suggest to you, that when he says, “the woman whom thou gavest to be with me”, Satan is working his plan, his plan of John 8:44, because what does John 8:44 say to us? You are of your father the devil, for he was a what? A murderer from the beginning. He was a liar. He abode not in the truth. So he was a murderer. His desire all along was to murder the Son of God.

And so into the mind of Adam comes this principle, substitution. The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, take her. She is the cause. If you get rid of her, and by the way, since you made her, I'm going to hang it on you too. And this is how Satan is putting his bull's eye on the Son of God, because he knows that God is merciful, he knows that God is gracious, and if he can get a demand, if he can get a demand for his ransom, that he could kill the Son of God and take his inheritance. That was the plot. That was the plan. And he's working it in through the human race.

I remember, Danny spoke about this earlier today, when we were at Pentecost in 2017 and we spoke on the subject of the character of God and we had much resistance from many quarters. But one of the key things that came up in the resistance to the belief of the nonviolent nature of God was the sacrificial system. God instituted the sacrificial system, therefore this proves that God kills.

Well, we're told in *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 68.1,

“The sacrificial offerings were ordained by God to be to man a perpetual reminder and penitential acknowledgment of his sin and a confession of faith in the promised Redeemer.”

And so it is said the sacrificial offerings were ordained by God. So if God ordained them, He's obviously willing to kill animals. And if God ordained them, then He instituted this whole process, it

was in His mind that this came. I remember when I was hearing this and it was coming at me really hard, this point with a lot of urgency in its voice, the sacrificial system was ordained by God. As I was listening to this at the particular time, I said, “yes, it is”, but in the back of my mind and going, I smell a rat. I have to get to the bottom of this. I need to understand what is this? What is taking place here? And so the answer.

Well, let's come back to ... I'll read you something here from *Patriarchs and Prophets*. It's also on page 68. We looked at this the other week, and I just want to reiterate this point. It says, “To Adam, the offering of the first sacrifice was the most painful ceremony.” Now, a number of people have said, well, God made them coats of skin and therefore He was the one that killed the first animals. Wrong. This is what it says,

“His hand must be raised to take life, which only God can give. It was the first time he had ever witnessed death, and he knew that had he been obedient to God, there would have been no death of man or beast.”

So the first animal to be killed was killed by Adam. And the words there, “his hand must be raised to take the life”. Why? Because, as we saw in page 56 of the same book, that Adam, in his thinking by divine sentence, she must die. And so it's his conception of, there needs to be death, she must die, that the animal sacrificial system must come to place and his hand must, must be raised to take the life of the animal because Adam was the one, under the influence of Satan, that introduced the word “must”. Because God's mercy is everlasting. God didn't require this, and this is something we need to look at now very, very carefully.

Again, on page 17, a *Spirit of Prophecy* quote, *Review and Herald*, September 3, 1901,

“When Adam yielded to the temptation of the enemy, and fell from his high and holy estate, Satan and his angels exulted. [How pathetic.] But from the throne of God a voice was heard speaking words of mysterious import.”

As soon as Adam ate the fruit of the tree, this voice comes out of the throne of God. Now, what does it say?

“Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.”

It's interesting, isn't it? God didn't require sacrifice. God didn't want to sacrifice. Who was the one that said every sin must be punished? Satan and he transfers this abominable teaching into the mind of Adam, who accepts this teaching that every sin must be punished. And Adam now, in his thinking and this is the key to understanding, the only way that he could conceive of being forgiven was for somebody to die and thus, the sacrificial system was introduced. This is the point that we want to make.

We come again to the whole concept of the covenants. We need to look at the concept of this covenant question that, when someone is in the old covenant, their thinking is aligned with that of Satan. Isn't it? When you're in the old covenant with old covenant thinking, all the Lord has said we

will do, I will do it, I'll perform all those types of things, your thinking is in the old covenant understanding. In the old covenant, the law enters to cause what to abound? Sin to abound. So God institutes the sacrificial offerings to cause sin to abound. The law enters, to cause sin to abound.

What God is doing in instituting the sacrificial system, He is reflecting back to Adam his own justice system. He is reflecting it back to him. Because this is the only way that Adam could conceive that he could believe he could be forgiven. Adam is in a penal substitution mindset. He demonstrates it in offering his wife and putting the blame on God. He is seeking to pass off on to somebody else. Somebody else has to pay the price, which he believes needs to take place. And so God institutes something to magnify what Adam is thinking.

This is the only way that I can make sense of the statements of scripture. Psalms 40:6, “Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; burnt offering and sin offering, I have not required.” You have to harmonize these passages in order to make sense of scripture. The only way that God instituted the sacrificial system was in order to show man what was in himself, in order to cause sin to abound in order that grace might much more abound. That through death, Christ might destroy him who hath the power of death. This is the only way that this can take place.

Again, we see it in other places. Jeremiah 7:21 and many of you are familiar with this verse. But we have to look at this and try and understand why the Covenants is such an important issue, why the rejection of the 1888 message has left Christ on the cross for another 120 odd years.

Congregation: Psalms 51:17, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, though wilt not despise.”

That's the sacrifice, create in me of clean heart. All right. Jeremiah 7:21-22,

“Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh. For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices.”

But when you read Exodus and you read Leviticus, did God command them concerning burnt offering and sacrifices? It appears to be that way, doesn't it? It appears to be that He is instituting a sacrificial system in the same way that He instituted a sacrificial system for Adam. Because when the Israelite nation had said, “all that the Lord hath said we will do”, they were guaranteeing a proliferation of our sacrificial, atonement, appeasement based system. So God reflected back to them. He cause there sin to abound. The expansion of the sacrificial system is a magnification of the sinfulness of man's mind. That makes sense?

Congregation: What's the connection between “all that the LORD said we will do” and the sacrificial system.

“All that the LORD hath said we will do,” as in we will do by our own power, we will appease you. We will demonstrate to you that we are worthy of your company and we are worthy of your patronage.

Congregation: So they're absolutely unable, when they see these commands that should say, "this is not your character, God. What are you doing here?" We don't have to do." Because the mindset is, you tell us to kill those people, we're going to do it.

Yes. The God we serve needs to be appeased. And so this guarantees the proliferation of the sacrifice of animals, not to reflect back to them their own wickedness, but to please God. This is what God has asked for. And in sacrificing these animals, we see it.

When there's a breach made upon Uzzah and Satan comes through that breach and strikes Uzzah to the ground. Then David is whoa! And so what does he do? He proliferates sacrificial offerings every six steps. They stop, bang, sacrificed, sacrifice.

In the time of Solomon, how many lambs did they slaughter? 120,000. Oh, I thank you God I am not like Solomon. Be careful.

So this is such an important point for us to understand. That voice, that mysterious voice, that came forth from the throne of God, "sacrifice and offering I have not desire, burnt offering and sin offering I have not required." It's very important to understand that this is telling us that God is saying, Adam, this is your thinking.

Psalms 40:6 and Jeremiah 27:2 when he says, "I didn't command you concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices when you came out of Egypt." You've got to reconcile this verse with everything that's been said in Exodus. How do you reconcile this unless you have the understanding in the covenants that God is speaking to man. I want to show you this and we talked about this, how God speaks to man.

I make the point for those of you who entertain Facebook and you get on one of those religious groups, and you get in there and someone puts up a statement. Then someone fires back and then you're in there and you're trying to make a point and trying to get a point across, all the while forgetting that maxim which holds true, a man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still. To be convinced, can you be convinced by someone that you do not trust? Can you be convinced of something that they tell you and you don't trust them and you think that they might wish to hurt you? Would you trust anything that they said to you?

So, God, can I come to Adam? Look Adam, Adam, buddy, but you've got it all wrong. Oh you want to kill me and you tell me I've got it all wrong. There's no way that God can convince Adam against his will. The only thing that God can do is to agree with His adversary in order that sin may abound in order that grace may much more abound. We see this in Genesis 3. Noticed this, very interesting.

Actually before we read that, I don't think I've got it here, but it says in the *Spirit of Prophecy* that it was Satan's plan that once Adam and Eve, if they should choose to eat the fruit, that they should rush to the tree of life and partake of the tree of life, that they may become immortal sinners. That was the part of them eating that. That was Satan's plan, which obviously he would have whispered to Adam and Eve, so and I haven't got the quote in front of me right at the moment, but it's in the notes on Maranatha Media, *The Foolishness of God*.

So notice what it says in Genesis 3:22. This is the maxim of the Skull and Bones Society - three two two on the bottom. It's Genesis 3:22. The man has become like one of us. The Lord says, “Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil.” And we've tried many ways to explain this verse. Does God know evil? Well, not as Adam knows evil. The Spirit of Christ was in Adam experiencing the evil that Adam was doing. He tasted it when He was in Adam but He didn't make the decision to do evil. But here God is saying, “Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil.”

But this is the thinking of Adam. God is agreeing with His adversary. Do you see? He is reflecting back to Adam his own thinking? Adam thinks that he is now like God knowing good and evil and so God reflects back to Adam what he's thinking. Do you see? Because God cannot disagree with Adam and think to win him back to His side. He can only reflect his own thinking back to him.

That is the work of the law. James 1:23,

“a hearer of the law and not the doer, he is like unto a man beholding his own natural face in a mirror.”

So whenever God speaks His word to Adam, it's the sound of his own voice. It agrees with him. But God speaks these words to magnify his sinfulness. Do you understand what I'm saying?

So what God is doing here, He's agreeing with Adam because God did not know evil, he did not yada (U!) evil in the way that Adam did. But Adam thought that this is what God was doing, and so God is reflecting back to him and of course, Adam's plan, is he thinking, well, Satan's put it in his mind. We're going to go in and we're going to get that tree.

What does it say in Romans 1 at the end of that chapter? What is the thinking of those who transgress the law of God? Romans 1, we come to the last verse,

“Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”

In seeking to go towards the tree of life, Adam has a sense of judgment against himself, doesn't he? So it's his belief that God would seek to cut him off, isn't it?

So when we read Genesis 3 and again, I'm picking up on the words of Jesus, “as you judge, you will be judged” and the proof of that is that when God blocked the way to the tree of life and Adam was expelled from the garden, this was the judgment that Adam expected to receive himself. And so God gave it to him. That makes sense? Because this is what Adam was thinking and that's why it says it, because it's connected to, “And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil.”

This is a reflective thought process. And then He says,

“and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life. and eat, and live forever: Therefore, the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.”

As Adam has judged, so Adam received. That makes sense? Also that which he greatly feared came upon him. If Adam had of believe that God was merciful and gracious and long suffering and abounding in goodness and truth and had of acted upon that and taken hold of it.

Congregation: That goes for us too. What we think it's going to affect us. To add to that, this is a quote from Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing, “Only like can appreciate like. Unless you accept in your own life the principle of self-sacrificing love, which is the principle of His character, you cannot know God. The heart that is deceived by Satan, looks upon God is a tyrannical, relentless being; the selfish characteristics of humanity, even of Satan himself, are attributed to the loving Creator. “Thou thoughtest, “ He says, “that I was altogether such an one as thyself.” Psalms 50:21. Page? Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing, page 25.

So we see that as Adam thinks, so Adam receives. Out of your own mouth, I will judge you. Isn't that what God said to the Israelites? And to the man with the parable? Out of your own mouth, I will judge you. Casting you to outer darkness. Why? Because that's what he expected. That's what he was thinking that God would do and so that's what he received according to his own thinking.

This is the point that we need to understand, and this is a critical point for us. I just need to lay this out in conclusion, because the sacrificial system is the last bastion of the Augustinian dispensational covenant system. Oh that's a mouthful. This covenant system, because if God instituted the sacrificial system and then when Jesus died on the cross, He ended it, then this is a work that God has done for those before the cross in the Old Testament. And that creates a natural divide between this (before the cross) and this (after the cross) because God is the one that instituted it. Do you see? This is what everyone hangs on to, that God created the sacrificial system and if God created the sacrificial system, then you automatically have the idea that, within God's character, that He is completely at ease with taking the life of an animal.

Have you ever taken the life of an animal? Why does it feel so horrible? Why does it feel like the ground is going to open up and swallow you? Why do you feel such agony in your soul? It's just a dumb animal, isn't it? Because our Father is the life giver. There is no death in Him whatsoever. I cannot stand looking at films where animals die. It makes me crawl. I can't watch. It gives me nightmares. Why is that? Oh, you're too sensitive.

It's not God who instituted it. It's not God who wanted the sacrificial system. Sacrifice and offering, I have not required. I didn't want any of this, but I have to show you what you are like. And lest we forget, because every one of us here in this room, before we came to the Cross of Christ, we all were under this spell of this justice system. The only way that you and I could believe we could be forgiven was for Jesus to die on the cross. None of us were free from this. We can't say, well, now that I know that Jesus is all loving and we don't need all of this cross stuff, we don't need the cross. Yes, we must have the cross.

Without the shedding of blood, there can be no forgiveness of sin. This is written into our DNA by our first father and we have drunk it down to the full. And so therefore, the only way that we can escape from this false character understanding is to believe that God paid the kidnapper the ransom price and that was the death of His own Son. And it's a great gamble, isn't it? But there we see that, once we can take away and realise that the sacrificial system was not something that God wanted, then we can begin to understand that when Jesus, in the midst of the week, was cut off and we begin to realise what His true character is, as He demonstrated through the atonement of turning our hearts towards Him. Then in our minds, Christ's work, His life and death causes the principle of sacrifice and oblation to cease within us.

Do you see, because the physical sacrifice and offering system in the flesh, did not cease when Jesus died on the cross, did it? It continued until finally God had to let the whole sanctuary be trodden under the foot of the Gentiles to stop the sacrifice of these animals. Jesus didn't stop physical sacrifice and offering when He died on the cross. Not in reality. But through His character, through the revelation of His character, He sealed up the vision. He showed a pathway for a man to be able to see that we no longer need to appease God by sacrifice. Never wanted it.

That's how the ceasing of sacrifice and offering is a principle that Christ releases us from in His death, but the only way He can convince us, was to die the penalty that Satan himself had established. That's why, when in the wilderness He says, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up. The reason that Jesus is portrayed as a serpent is because it's his justice system that was being satisfied. Wow, indeed, isn't it? I've always wondered, like, why is it a serpent. What does that mean? Why? How can I be looking at a serpent be healed? How? It doesn't make any sense unless it's Satan's justice system. Suddenly the key turns within my brain and goes, I believe I can be forgiven now, and once I believe I can be forgiven, God looks so much more beautiful than He did before. And now that I realize it, You never wanted this at all. You didn't want this at all. But that's what it took to free my mind to know what You are really like.

I get accused regularly by people, “you're saying that we don't need to cross.” Yes, we must. We must. Because we've all been bitten by the serpent, haven't we? We must look to the brass serpent upon the pole. This system of justice in order to be freed from this sacrificial, atonement, appeasement based system that was started by Satan and picked up by Adam, our first parent.

So, once we have this understanding, the last bastion of this concept of the Old Covenant being in the Old Testament and the New Covenant being in the New Testament is broken. And why must it be broken? Because the Old Covenant causes sin to abound, doesn't it? The law entered to cause sin to abound. But where sin abounded, grace does much more abound. Much more.

The problem is, is the word “where”. Where sin abounds, grace does much more abound. But if you place that text into an Old Covenant and a New Covenant, you cut that in half, you destroy the “where” and you can have no grace at all, all the while thinking, oh, thank God I'm in the New Testament. I'm in the era where grace abounds. But if you haven't had your sin abounding, you have no platform for your “where”, and whatever grace you are thinking is abounding is a stinking mess. It's not grace at all. Think we call it cheap grace, don't we?

And this is what Jones and Waggoner sought to bring to us in the 1888 message, that the covenants are two heart experiences. And we go over this and over this and over this particular point. And the sacrificial system is a key component in destroying this false justice system, this false conception that God never wanted this system. He never, ever wanted it, but He had to reflect back to us what we are thinking. To think, that a human being could think that, in offering his own child, he could obtain atonement for his own soul. That's sick. Would we ever, would you ever contemplate doing something like that? If you're in that system, if you're reframed into a system like that, you would do it.

God says it never entered into My mind to offer children as a sacrifice. It never entered into My mind. Now, that raises interesting questions for when God says, “take now your son and your only son and offering him for a burnt offering.” Who is this? Whose thinking was this? It was Abraham's thinking and God's reflecting it back to him because he agrees with his adversary. And was God an adversary to him when Christ came to Jacob and he's wrestling? Did he think that it was an adversary? Yes he did, but it was his friend. He thought it was an adversary.

In the sacrificial system, it was one of the final pieces when people were saying to me, God instituted the sacrificial system. I knew there's got to be an answer to this. And when you lay out all the scripture passages and you put them all out, it's amazing how the human mind can just blot out passages of the Bible as if it doesn't exist. It's such a frightening thing to do. It's tempting. It's tempting for us on whatever side of the equation we are on, it's tempting to wipe out other passages.

And this is the problem that many who do believe in the character of God when it makes reference to death and destruction in the Old Testament, we just ignore it. No, you can't ignore it. You have to answer it. You have to provide an answer for these things. And while I admire those that say, “well, I know Jesus would never do anything like that”, bless your soul. But I have to prove it from the scripture because I can't. Because then I get lots of emails, lots of very nasty emails, and I'm sure there'll be plenty of nasty emails in regard to this particular.

What are you saying, God didn't institute. Yes, he did institute it. But please accept, the Covenants says Waggoner told them, and then you'll see the Bible reads one way for the man in the Old Covenant and a completely different way for the man in the New Covenant. If you can't see this.

That has helped me tremendously to finally understand what Daniel 9:27 means, “He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.” But apart from this, the fact that this abomination, this desire to seek atonement through offering and we see this in Cain and Abel in this whole process of offering a sacrifice and how Satan perverted the sacrificial system and what he did to the Jews.

And we want to extend this as we go into Israel and how they expanded this concept of seeking atonement through appeasement. And once that system was entrenched within Israel and they refused to come into the light, Israel became the tail and Babylon became the head because they invited Babylon to come in. Hezekiah said, “Look at all my treasures, everything”. “We're coming back in twenty five years.”

Just it's interesting, isn't it? It's interesting that in 1955 that the Adventist Church welcomed Babylon to look at all our treasures and wares and 25 years later they came back and took everything. They took all the crystalware in 1980. When Reagan stood before the obelisk ... That's alright, we won't get into any of that stuff.

So tomorrow night, we want to go a little bit further and expanding this system and how that, when Israel refused to come in to a true understanding of the covenants and to receive the true character of God, they didn't arise and shine to let the sanctuary that Ezekiel spoke about to be built, that we had to spend 2,520 years until 1844 for another opportunity for us to see the character of God.

And now it has been given to us, this opportunity to understand these things, these things that we are discussing now. I tell you, they bless my soul. I'm getting answers finally for things that I could never understand before, never made sense. And so shall we stay in North Korea forever, just worshipping this demonic, tyrannical being that's going to burn the hell out of you if you don't keep step and become a vegan and do all the right things. Oh, my goodness. To be free of that mindset.

I hope that some of us here will, all of us here will, realize this is our opportunity. This is our opportunity to break free. Please study these things. We've thrown out a lot of things and a lot of thoughts that have come out here and the mind starts to swim. But, Lord, are these things so? Is this true? Is this the truth?

I pray that you will study them and know for yourself that God was placing Adam's own thoughts before him when he said the man has become one of us to know good and evil, and we must therefore prevent him from eating from this tree. These are the very thoughts of Adam himself, which God reflects back to him, because as he judges, God is not mocked, as a man sows so shall he also reap. This is what we have been told.

And I hope that these thoughts have blessed you. There is obviously more in *Key to Empowering the Third Angel's Message* and I'm thankful to Deyan for helping put a lot of those together. At this point, I think we shall have a prayer.

Our Father in Heaven. It is with boldness that we come before Your throne of grace, as we realise, we realise in our reading of the scripture, so many times when we read what we think to be Your voice is a reflection of our own. And we have thought that You were like us. But Your thoughts and not our thoughts and our ways are definitely not Your ways. And we thank you, Lord Jesus, that You came to show us the Father. What a joy. What a joy to know the things that we know. And Lord, I pray that the things that we are sharing oh Lord, that this light will lighten the earth with its glory. That we may be in our faces to be able to show, like Moses the glory of the Lord, and that many, many will come to this understanding and that we may receive the seal of God, that we might receive the Father's name through the begotten Son, that did no violence, neither was guile found in His mouth, and I thank you in Jesus name. Amen.