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UNIVERSE
FREE OF
ENMITY**

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FILL THOU MY LIFE, O LORD MY GOD

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
in ev'ry part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
thy being and thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone,
nor e'en the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in ev'ry part:

Praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in,
praise in each duty and each deed,
however small and mean.

Fill ev'ry part of me with praise;
let all my being speak
of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
poor though I be, and weak.

So shalt thou, Lord, from me, e'en me,
receive the glory due,
and so shall I begin on earth
the song forever new.

So shall no part of day or night
from sacredness be free:
but all my life, in ev'ry step,
be fellowship with thee.

God’s original purpose in the creation of the earth is fulfilled as it is made the eternal abode of the redeemed. “The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever.” Psalm 37:29. GC 674.3

“And the years of eternity, as they roll, will bring richer and still more glorious revelations of God and of Christ. As knowledge is progressive, so will love, reverence, and happiness increase. The more men learn of God, the greater will be their admiration of His character. As Jesus opens before them the riches of redemption and the amazing achievements in the great controversy with Satan, the hearts of the ransomed thrill with more fervent devotion, and with more rapturous joy they sweep the harps of gold; and ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of voices unite to swell the mighty chorus of praise. GC 678.1

“And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.” Revelation 5:13. GC 678.2

UNIVERSE AT LAST ETERNALLY FREE OF ENMITY

“The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love.”GC 678.3 HALLELUJAH!!

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UNIVERSE FREE OF ENMITY AT LAST!

“I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away.” Revelation 21:1. The fire that consumes the wicked purifies the earth. Every trace of the curse is swept away. No eternally burning hell will keep before the ransomed the fearful consequences of sin. GC 674.1

“One reminder alone remains: Our Redeemer will ever bear the marks of His crucifixion. Upon His wounded head, upon His side, His hands and feet, are the only traces of the cruel work that sin has wrought. Says the prophet, beholding Christ in His glory: “He had bright beams coming out of His side: and there was the hiding of His power.” Habakkuk 3:4, margin. That pierced side whence flowed the crimson stream that reconciled man to God—there is the Saviour’s glory, there “the hiding of His power.” “Mighty to save,” through the sacrifice of redemption, He was therefore strong to execute justice upon them that despised God’s mercy. And the tokens of His humiliation are His highest honor; through the eternal ages the wounds of Calvary will show forth His praise and declare His power. GC 674.2

“O Tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto Thee shall it come, even the first dominion.” Micah 4:8. The time has come to which holy men have looked with longing since the flaming sword barred the first pair from Eden, the time for “the redemption of the purchased possession.” Ephesians 1:14. The earth originally given to man as his kingdom, betrayed by him into the hands of Satan, and so long held by the mighty foe, has been brought back by the great plan of redemption. All that was lost by sin has been restored. “Thus saith the Lord. .. that formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited.” Isaiah 45:18.

And 3. **Sowing and Reaping:** “Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.” Gal 6:8 NIV

Remember God is Love and He is the God of freedom of choice. **In the final executive judgment, those who rejected the most light and Agape Love, and fought hardest against God’s *righteous* will, they will continue fighting against God’s decision to give them up. The process of *giving them up* cannot be completed until they stop fighting and choose to submit to God’s decision to give them their own choice of being completely separated from Him. So Satan who always hated submission to God will fight until his own agony forces him to give up, then he will go into annihilation.**

Back now to the GC:.....”Satan’s work of ruin is forever ended. For six thousand years he has wrought his will, filling the earth with woe and causing grief throughout the universe. The whole creation has groaned and travailed together in pain. Now God’s creatures are forever delivered from his presence and temptations. “The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they [the righteous] break forth into singing.” Isaiah 14:7. And a shout of praise and triumph ascends from the whole loyal universe. “The voice of a great multitude,”“as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings,”is heard, saying: “Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.” Revelation 19:6. GC 673.2

“While the earth was wrapped in the fire of destruction, the righteous abode safely in the Holy City. Upon those that had part in the first resurrection, the second death has no power. While God is to the wicked a consuming fire, He is to His people both a sun and a shield.” Revelation 20:6; Psalm 84:11. GC 673.3

Introduction

Luke 21: 34 to 36

³⁴And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

³⁵For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

³⁶Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

With all that is happening all around the world and especially in the USA, we would say that we are sure that the final crisis is very near. In 1893 Adventists were also very sure that the final events were about to erupt in the USA. AT Jones was delivering his Winter- Spring 1893 series of *Third Angel’s Messages* when he made a profound analysis.

“Brethren, the **dangers** that threaten us as to the end of the world, persecutions etc., are always **very little** compared with the dangers that hang over each individual in his **own individual experience**”

“The greatest danger about this congregation and with our people everywhere is that they will **not** see the things **which concern them individually, but will look more at things that are without**. They will look more at the things that are without and the evidences of those things, than they will look to see whether they own hearts are right with God...whether they have a living Christ within, in order (to correctly understand the events happening) **and to be prepared to meet them in the fear of God and in the Salvation of God**”AT Jones *The Third Angel’s Message Lecture 8, 1893(Abridged)*

GROWING AMONG THORNS AND WEEDS

“The gospel seed often falls among thorns and noxious weeds; and if there is not a moral transformation in the human heart, if old habits and practices and the former life of sin are not left behind, **if the attributes of Satan are not expelled from the soul, the wheat crop will be choked. The thorns will come to be the crop, and will kill out the wheat.**” COL 50.3

The attributes of Satan are the components of his **enmity** against the Godhead, in particular against Christ. Unless the Satanic **enmity** is **completely taken** away from our human spirit by the **early rain of the Holy Spirit, developing in us the mind of Christ**, we will not be ready for the **latter rain** baptism of the Holy Spirit.

“The wicked receive their recompense in the earth. Proverbs 11:31. They “shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts.” Malachi 4:1. **Some are destroyed as in a moment, while others suffer many days**. All are punished “according to their deeds.” The sins of the righteous having been transferred to Satan, he is made to suffer not only for his own rebellion, but for all the sins which he has caused God’s people to commit. **His punishment is to be far greater than that of those whom he has deceived**. After all have perished who fell by his deceptions, he is still to live and suffer on. In the cleansing flames the wicked are at last destroyed, root and branch—Satan the root, his followers the branches. The full penalty of the law has been visited; the demands of justice have been met; and heaven and earth, beholding, declare the righteousness of Jehovah.” GC 673.1

THE MECHANISM OF WHY SOME SUFFER LONGER THAN OTHERS

1. Hardness and impenitence of heart stores up wrath:

“But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.”Romans 2:5 ESV.

Also:2. The greater the light rejected, the harder the heart becomes and the greater the condemnation:

“The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now something greater than Jonah is here. ⁴² The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon’s wisdom, and now something greater than Solomon is here.”Matthew 12: 41,42.

“Saith the Lord: “Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God; behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness. They shall bring thee down to the pit.” “I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.... I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.... I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.... Thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.” Ezekiel 28:6-8, 16-19. GC 672.1

“Every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.” “The indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and His fury upon all their armies: He hath utterly destroyed them, He hath delivered them to the slaughter.” “Upon the wicked He shall rain quick burning coals, fire and brimstone and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.” Isaiah 9:5; 34:2; Psalm 11:6, margin. Fire comes down from God out of heaven. The earth is broken up. The weapons concealed in its depths are drawn forth. Devouring flames burst from every yawning chasm. The very rocks are on fire. The day has come that shall burn as an oven. The elements melt with fervent heat, the earth also, and the works that are therein are burned up. Malachi 4:1; 2 Peter 3:10. The earth’s surface seems one molten mass—a vast, seething lake of fire. It is the time of the judgment and perdition of ungodly men—“the day of the Lord’s vengeance, and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion.” Isaiah 34:8. GC 672.2

“Grace can thrive only in the heart that is being constantly prepared for the precious seeds of truth. The thorns of sin will grow in any soil; they need no cultivation; but grace must be carefully cultivated. The briers and thorns are always ready to spring up, and the work of purification must advance continually. ***If the heart is not kept under the control of God, if the Holy Spirit does not work unceasingly to refine and ennoble the character, the old habits will reveal themselves in the life.*** Men may profess to believe the gospel; but unless they are sanctified by the gospel their profession is of no avail. ***If they do not gain the victory over sin, then sin is gaining the victory over them.*** The ***thorns*** that have been cut ***off*** but not ***uprooted*** grow apace, until the soul is overspread with them.”COL 50.4

Elder AT Jones then quoted from the Testimonies:

“This testimony in regard to the establishment of the Christian church is given us, not only as an important portion of sacred history, but also as a lesson. All who profess the name of Christ should be ***waiting, watching, and praying*** with one heart. ***All differences should be put away, and unity and tender love one for another should pervade*** the whole. Then our prayers may go up together to our Heavenly Father with strong, earnest faith. Then we may wait with patience and hope for the fulfillment of the promise.”3SP 272.1

“The answer may come with sudden velocity and overpowering might; or it may be delayed for days and weeks, and our faith receive a trial. But God knows how and when to answer our prayer. It is our part of the work to put ***ourselves in connection with the divine channel.*** God is responsible for His part of the

work. He is faithful who hath promised. The great and important matter with us is to be of one heart and mind, putting aside all envy and malice, and, as humble supplicants, to watch and wait. Jesus, our Representative and Head, is ready to do for us what he did for the praying, watching ones on the day of Pentecost.” 3SP 272.2.

The Holy Spirit in early or latter *Rain* is the Teacher of Righteousness according to Righteousness, *not* our idea of Righteousness *but* God’s idea of Righteousness! **And this is the Righteousness of Christ, that is, *Christ Our Righteousness!***

Listen to this counsel given in 1899

“God designs that the plan of redemption *shall come to His people as the latter rain, for they are fast losing their connection with God.* They are trusting in man and glorifying man, and their strength is proportionate to the strength of their dependence***We are to know more than we do at the present time.*** We are to ***comprehend*** the ***deep things*** of God..... Angels have desired to look into the truths which are revealed to the people who are searching God’s word and with contrite hearts praying for wisdom, for greater lengths and breadths and heights of that knowledge which God alone can give”¹ MR# 54, May 11th, 1899 page 196.

REV.18:1

“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory...”

image, every heart bearing the perfect impress of the divine, every face reflecting the likeness of their King. He beholds in them the result of the travail of His soul, and He is satisfied. Then, in a voice that reaches the assembled multitudes of the righteous and the wicked, He declares: “Behold the purchase of My blood! For these I suffered, for these I died, that they might dwell in My presence throughout eternal ages.” And the song of praise ascends from the white-robed ones about the throne: “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.” Revelation 5:12. GC 671.1

SATAN’S ENMITY IRREVERSIBLE

“Notwithstanding that Satan has been constrained to acknowledge God’s justice and to bow to the supremacy of Christ, ***his character remains unchanged. The spirit of rebellion, like a mighty torrent, again bursts forth. Filled with frenzy, he determines not to yield the great controversy.*** The time has come for a last desperate struggle against the King of heaven. He rushes into the midst of his subjects and endeavors to inspire them with his own fury and arouse them to instant battle. But of all the countless millions whom he has allured into rebellion, there are none now to acknowledge his supremacy. His power is at an end. The wicked are filled with the same hatred of God that inspires Satan; but they see that their case is hopeless, that they cannot prevail against Jehovah. Their rage is kindled against Satan and those who have been his agents in deception, and with the fury of demons they turn upon them.” GC 671.2

“Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? for Thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy judgments are made manifest.” Verse 4. Every question of truth and error in the long-standing controversy has now been made plain. The results of rebellion, the fruits of setting aside the divine statutes, have been laid open to the view of all created intelligences. The working out of Satan’s rule in contrast with the government of God has been presented to the whole universe. ***Satan’s own works have condemned him.*** God’s wisdom, His justice, and His goodness stand fully vindicated. It is seen that all His dealings in the great controversy have been conducted with respect to the eternal good of His people and the good of all the worlds that He has created. “All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord; and Thy saints shall bless Thee.” Psalm 145:10. ***The history of sin will stand to all eternity as a witness that with the existence of God’s law is bound up the happiness of all the beings He has created.*** With all the facts of the great controversy in view, the whole universe, both loyal and rebellious, with one accord declare: “Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints.” GC 670.3

INFINITE SACRIFICE REVEALED INFINITE LOVE

“Before the universe has been clearly presented the great sacrifice made by the Father and the Son in man’s behalf. The hour has come when Christ occupies His rightful position and is glorified above principalities and powers and every name that is named. ***It was for the joy that was set before Him—that He might bring many sons unto glory—that He endured the cross and despised the shame. And inconceivably great as was the sorrow and the shame, yet greater is the joy and the glory.*** He looks upon the redeemed, renewed in His own

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“The message of Christ’s righteousness is to sound from one end of the earth to the other to prepare the way of the Lord. This is the glory of God, which closes the work of the third angel.” 6T 19.1.

TEACHER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS ACCORDING TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

Joel 2:23 (See also James 5:7)

“Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately [margin: a teacher of righteousness according to righteousness] and he will cause to come down to you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.”

SPIRITUAL EQUATIONS

The latter rain of the Holy Spirit is the teaching of righteousness according to God’s idea of Righteousness: *which is Christ*. And the message of Christ’s righteousness is the glory of God which closes the work of the Third Angel, which is the *Loud Cry*. Therefore the message of Christ’s righteousness, intellectually and experientially, is the latter rain issuing forth into the Loud Cry!

“Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth”Hosea 6:3

In his twelfth and thirteenth 1893 lectures A T Jones proceeded to explain that no one can know the righteousness of God *without the mind of Christ*, and no one can have the mind of Christ without

the personal presence of Christ which is brought to us by the Holy Spirit! And the mind of Christ progressively empties the abiding believer of the *mind of self*, the Satanic enmity. What is the satanic *enmity*?, and what is *the mind of Christ*? We will have to revise and advance our understanding of these terms in future studies.

INVITATION

“There is no work in our world so great, so sacred, and so glorious, no work that God honors so much, as this gospel work. The message presented at this time is the last message of mercy for a fallen world. Those who have the privilege of hearing this message, and who persist in refusing to heed the warning, cast away their last hope of salvation. There will be no second probation.” 6T 19.2

“The word of truth, “It is written,” is the gospel we are to preach. No flaming sword is placed before this tree of life. All who will may partake of it. There is no power that can prohibit any soul from taking of its fruit. ***All may eat, and live forever.***” 6T 19.3

*Remember that whereas God is **not** willing that any should perish, Satan is **not** willing that any should be saved. 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Peter 5:8.*

WARNING. GC 601

“We are living in the most solemn period of earth’s history. The destiny of earth’s teeming multitudes is about to be decided. Our own ***future well- being and also the Salvation of other souls depend upon the course which we now pursue.*** We need to be guided by the spirit of ***Truth.*** We should now seek a

and again, in the progress of the great controversy, he has been defeated and compelled to yield. He knows too well the power and majesty of the Eternal”. GC 669.2

THE MALIGNANT NATURE OF THE SATANIC ENMITY

The aim of the great rebel has ever been to justify himself and to prove the divine government responsible for the rebellion. To this end he has bent all the power of his giant intellect. He has worked deliberately and systematically, and with marvelous success, leading vast multitudes to accept his version of the great controversy which has been so long in progress. For thousands of years this chief of conspiracy has palmed off falsehood for truth. But the time has now come when the rebellion is to be finally defeated and the history and character of Satan disclosed. In his last great effort to dethrone Christ, destroy His people, and take possession of the City of God, the archdeceiver has been fully unmasked. Those who have united with him see the total failure of his cause. Christ’s followers and the loyal angels behold the full extent of his machinations against the government of God. He is the object of universal abhorrence. GC 670.1

ENMITY CANNOT ENDURE UNSELFISH AGAPE LOVE

“Satan sees that his voluntary rebellion has unfitted him for heaven. He has trained his powers to war against God; the purity, peace, and harmony of heaven would be to him supreme torture. His accusations against the mercy and justice of God are now silenced. The **reproach** which he has **endeavored** to cast upon Jehovah **rests wholly upon himself.** And now Satan bows down and confesses the justice of his sentence. GC 670.2

are Thy ways, Thou King of saints”(Revelation 15:3); and, falling prostrate, they worship the Prince of life. GC 668.4

SATAN’S PARALYSIS :“Satan seems paralyzed as he beholds the glory and majesty of Christ. He who was once a covering cherub remembers whence he has fallen. A shining seraph, “son of the morning;”how changed, how degraded! From the council where once he was honored, he is forever excluded. He sees another now standing near to the Father, veiling His glory. He has seen the crown placed upon the head of Christ by an angel of lofty stature and majestic presence, and he knows that the exalted position of this angel might have been his. GC 669.1

HIS MEMORY PLAYS BACK

“Memory recalls the home of his innocence and purity, ***the peace and content that were his until he indulged in murmuring against God, and envy of Christ. His accusations, his rebellion, his deceptions to gain the sympathy and support of the angels, his stubborn persistence in making no effort for self-recovery when God would have granted him forgiveness—all come vividly before him. He reviews his work among men and its results—the enmity of man toward his fellow man, the terrible destruction of life, the rise and fall of kingdoms, the overturning of thrones, the long succession of tumults, conflicts, and revolutions. He recalls his constant efforts to oppose the work of Christ and to sink man lower and lower. He sees that his hellish plots have been powerless to destroy those who have put their trust in Jesus. As Satan looks upon his kingdom, the fruit of his toil, he sees only failure and ruin. He has led the multitudes to believe that the City of God would be an easy prey; but he knows that this is false. Again***

deep and living experience in the things of God. We have not a moment to lose. Events of vital importance are taking around us. We are on Satan’s enchanted ground. ***Sleep not, sentinels of God ; the foe is lurking near, ready at any moment, should you become lax and drowsy, to spring upon you and make you his prey***”. GC 601

“The awful spectacle appears just as it was. Satan, his angels, and his subjects have no power to turn from the picture of their own work.”

THE FINAL COURT SCENE

“The whole wicked world stand arraigned at the bar of God on the charge of high treason against the government of heaven. They have none to plead their cause; they are without excuse; and the sentence of eternal death is pronounced against them.”
GC 668.2

THE WAGES OF SIN IS ETERNAL DEATH

“It is now evident to all that the wages of sin is not noble independence and eternal life, but slavery, ruin, and death. The wicked see what they have forfeited by their life of rebellion. The far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory was despised when offered them; but how desirable it now appears. “All this,”cries the lost soul, “I might have had; but I chose to put these things far from me. Oh, strange infatuation! I have exchanged peace, happiness, and honor for wretchedness, infamy, and despair.” ***All see that their exclusion from heaven is just. By their lives they have declared: “We will not have this Man [Jesus] to reign over us.”*** GC 668.3

“As if entranced, the wicked have looked upon the coronation of the Son of God. They see in His hands the tables of the divine law, the statutes which they have despised and transgressed. They witness the outburst of wonder, rapture, and adoration from the saved; and as the wave of melody sweeps over the multitudes without the city, all with one voice exclaim, “Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true

CHRIST APPEARS TO THE VIEW OF HIS ENEMIES

“Now Christ again appears to the view of His enemies. Far above the city, upon a foundation of burnished gold, is a throne, high and lifted up. Upon this throne sits the Son of God, and around Him are the subjects of His kingdom. The power and majesty of Christ no language can describe, no pen portray. ***The glory of the Eternal Father is enshrouding His Son. The brightness of His presence fills the City of God, and flows out beyond the gates, flooding the whole earth with its radiance.***” GC 665.1

THE CORONATION OF THE SON OF GOD

“In the presence of the assembled inhabitants of earth and heaven the ***final coronation of the Son of God takes place.*** And now, invested with supreme majesty and power, the King of kings pronounces sentence upon the rebels against His government and executes justice upon those who have transgressed His law and oppressed His people.

THE CROSS IS PRESENTED AND A PANORAMIC SCENE IS SHOWN

“Above the throne is revealed the cross; and like a panoramic view appear the scenes of Adam’s temptation and fall, and the successive steps in the great plan of redemption.”..... (eventually the final scenes are replayed).....

“And now before the swaying multitude are revealed the final scenes—the patient Sufferer treading the path to Calvary; the Prince of heaven hanging upon the cross; the haughty priests and the jeering rabble deriding His expiring agony; the supernatural darkness; the heaving earth, the rent rocks, the open graves, marking the moment when the world’s Redeemer yielded up His life.” GC 667.1

CHAPTER ONE

The Universe Prior to the Development of The Satanic Enmity

Satanic enmity is a deep rooted, deep seated hatred for God and hostility against Him. Such enmity did not always exist in the Universe. There was a time, very long ago when ***unselfish Divine Love*** was the only mindset or way of thinking in God’s Universe. At that time Satan was not yet Satan, his name was Lucifer. He was the highest of the created angels, in fact he was first of the covering cherubim and was next in position to the Son of God. In other words he was very close to the Godhead.

ABSOLUTE AND ETERNAL PRINCIPLES

Isaiah 57:15: “For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity....”The Hebrew word translated eternity is **עד** = ad, and it means beginningless and endless perpetual existence; absolute timeless eternity. And in Romans 1:20, (ESV) Paul emphatically declares:

*“For his invisible attributes, namely, His **eternal** power and **divine nature**, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world,^[a] in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.”*

Jeremiah states:

*“He hath made the earth by his **power**, he hath established the world by his **wisdom**, and hath stretched out the heavens by his **discretion**.”*Jeremiah 10:12

The Psalmist declares:

“Great is our Lord and of great power: His understanding is infinite” Psalm 147:5

Back to Paul in Romans 11:33

“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgements and His ways past finding out!”

Eternal Wisdom includes eternal righteousness and eternal truth.

The Bible also emphatically declares that God **is Love**. 1 John 4:8, 16

It is an **eternally fixed characteristic** in the Godhead that Infinite **Power** functions only through Infinite **Wisdom** by the principle of **unselfish, self-sacrificing Agape Love**, to produce **only good!** God never varies or changes from this characteristic or principle. Read, study and comprehend the following texts: James 1:16,17; Malachi 3:6.

the midst thereof,. . . and there shall be a very great valley.”“And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one.” Zechariah 14:5, 4, 9. ***As the New Jerusalem, in its dazzling splendor, comes down out of heaven, it rests upon the place purified and made ready to receive it, and Christ, with His people and the angels, enters the Holy City.*** GC 662.3

SATAN'S LAST ATTEMPT

Now Satan prepares for a last mighty struggle for the supremacy...True to his early cunning, he does not acknowledge himself to be Satan. He claims to be the prince who is the rightful owner of the world and whose inheritance has been unlawfully wrested from him. He represents himself to his deluded subjects as a redeemer, assuring them that his power has brought them forth from their graves and that he is about to rescue them from the most cruel tyranny. ...?Satan works wonders to support his claims. He makes the weak strong and inspires all with his own spirit and energy. He proposes to lead them against the camp of the saints and to take possession of the City of God. With fiendish exultation he points to the unnumbered millions who have been raised from the dead and declares that as their leader he is well able to overthrow the city and regain his throne and his kingdom.” GC 663.1

SATAN LEADS THE VAST ARMY OF THE UNSAVED TO ATTACK THE HOLY CITY

“Kings and warriors are in his train, and the multitudes follow in vast companies, each under its appointed leader. With military precision the serried ranks advance over the earth's broken and uneven surface to the City of God. By command of Jesus, the gates of the New Jerusalem are closed, and the armies of Satan surround the city and make ready for the onset. GC 664.3

acts with the statute book, the Bible, and deciding every case according to the deeds done in the body. Then the portion which the wicked must suffer is meted out, according to their works; and it is recorded against their names in the book of death. GC 660.4

Satan also and evil angels are judged by Christ and His people. Says Paul: “Know ye not that we shall judge angels?” Verse 3. And Jude declares that “the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.” Jude 6. GC 661.1

THE SECOND RESURRECTION

“At the close of the thousand years, Christ again returns to the earth. He is accompanied by the host of the redeemed and attended by a retinue of angels. As He descends in terrific majesty He bids the wicked dead arise to receive their doom. They come forth, a mighty host, numberless as the sands of the sea. What a contrast to those who were raised at the first resurrection! The righteous were clothed with immortal youth and beauty. The wicked bear the traces of disease and death.” GC 662.1

THE NEW JERUSALEM DESCENDS

“Christ descends upon the Mount of Olives, whence, after His resurrection, He ascended, and where angels repeated the promise of His return. Says the prophet: “The Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with Thee.” “And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in

Since the Divine Nature is eternal and possesses infinite Power, infinite Wisdom and Infinite Love, we can conclude that God’s principles and ways are the only principles and ways of perfect existence and perfect life in the Universe! God’s ways cannot be improved because they are already *infinitely the best*.

We will now read from *Patriarchs And Prophets* Chapter One

“God is love.”¹ John 4:16. His nature, His law, is love. It ever has been; it ever will be. “The high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity,” whose “ways are everlasting,” changeth not. With Him “is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” Isaiah 57:15; Habakkuk 3:6; James 1:17. PP 33.1

“Every manifestation of creative power is an expression of infinite love. The sovereignty of God involves fullness of blessing to all created beings.

“The Sovereign of the universe was not alone in His work of beneficence. He had an associate—a co-worker who could appreciate His purposes, and could share His joy in giving happiness to created beings. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.” John 1:1, 2. **Christ, the Word, the only begotten** of God, was one with the eternal Father—one in *nature*, in *character*, in *purpose*—the only being that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. “His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6. His “goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” Micah 5:2. And the Son of God declares concerning Himself: “The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting.... When He appointed the

foundations of the earth: then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him.”Proverbs 8:22-30. PP 34.1

“The Father wrought by His Son in the creation of all heavenly beings. “By Him were all things created,.. . whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him.”Colossians 1:16. Angels are God’s ministers, radiant with the light ever flowing from His presence and speeding on rapid wing to execute His will. But the Son, the anointed of God, the “express image of His person,”“the brightness of His glory,”“upholding all things by the word of His power,”holds supremacy over them all. Hebrews 1:3. “A glorious high throne from the beginning,”was the place of His sanctuary (Jeremiah 17:12); “a scepter of righteousness,”the scepter of His kingdom. Hebrews 1:8. “Honor and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.”Psalm 96:6. Mercy and truth go before His face.”Psalm 89:14. PP 34.2

“The law of love being the foundation of the government of God, the happiness of all intelligent beings depends upon their perfect accord with its great principles of righteousness. God desires from all His creatures the service of love—service that springs from an appreciation of His character. He takes no pleasure in a forced obedience; and to all He grants freedom of will, that they may render Him voluntary service. PP 34.3

“So long as all created beings acknowledged the allegiance of love, there was perfect harmony throughout the universe of God. It was the joy of the heavenly host to fulfill the purpose of their Creator. They delighted in reflecting His glory and showing forth His praise. And while love to God was supreme,

CHAPTER 14

UNIVERSE FREE OF ENMITY AT LAST!

At Christ’s Second Coming the dead in Christ will be resurrected, the living righteous will be translated and all the glorified saints will be caught up to meet Jesus in the air and travel to Heaven.(1Thess. 4: 16,17; 1Cor.15: 54- 57; 1Peter 1:4; John14:1-3). Satan and his demons will be abandoned on the empty, desolated earth for 1000 years(Rev.20:1-3), (Isa.24:1,3,5,6; Isaiah 14:12-17) During the 1000 years (the millennium) the unsaved humans, Satan and his angels will be judged by Christ and the redeemed.

THE JUDGMENT OF THE UNSAVED DURING THE MILLENNIUM

“At this time the righteous reign as kings and priests unto God. John in the Revelation says: “I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them.”“They shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.” Revelation 20:4, 6. It is at this time that, as foretold by Paul, “the saints shall judge the world.” 1 Corinthians 6:2. In union with Christ they judge the wicked, comparing their

and lose their lives because of their own defects of character, then God's holy name would be reproached." GC 619.1 "They afflict their souls before God, pointing to their past repentance of their many sins, and pleading the Saviour's promise: "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me." Isaiah 27:5. Their faith does not fail because their prayers are not immediately answered.

Though suffering the keenest anxiety, terror, and distress, they do not cease their intercessions. They lay hold of the strength of God as Jacob laid hold of the Angel; and the language of their souls is: "I will not let Thee go, except thou bless me".....

".....But while they have a deep sense of their unworthiness, they have no concealed wrongs to reveal. Their sins have gone beforehand to judgment and have been blotted out, and they cannot bring them to remembrance. GC 620.1

"And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, IT IS DONE!" REV.16:17

When God's Voice delivers the 144,000 from the time of Jacob's Trouble, the Scapegoat's doom is confirmed and God's Vindication goes on exhibition throughout the Universe! ***Hallelujah!!***

love for one another was confiding and unselfish. **There was no note of discord** to mar the celestial harmonies

THE CIRCUIT OF BENEFICENCE

"But turning from all lesser representations, we behold God in Jesus. Looking unto Jesus we see that it is the glory of our God to give. "I do nothing of Myself," said Christ; "the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father." "I seek not Mine own glory," but the glory of Him that sent Me. John 8:28; 6:57; 8:50; 7:18. In these words is set forth the great principle which is the law of life for the universe. All things Christ received from God, but He took to give. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: through the beloved Son, the Father's life flows out to all; through the Son it returns, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to the great Source of all. And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete, representing the character of the great Giver, the law of life" DA21.2

CHAPTER TWO

The Beginning of the Mystery of Iniquity

In our last chapter we looked at the Universe before the development of sin. Every detail of the creation was absolutely perfect. The inhabitants of heaven and the unfallen worlds were happy and joyfully ecstatic in God's love and righteousness.

"But a change came over this happy state. There was one who perverted the freedom that God had granted to His creatures. Sin **originated with him** who, next to Christ, had been most honored of God and was highest in power and glory among the inhabitants of heaven. Lucifer, "son of the morning," was first of the covering cherubs, holy and undefiled. He stood in the presence of the great Creator, and the ceaseless beams of glory enshrouding the eternal God rested upon him. "Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering.... Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou

the earth, his triumph would be complete. He sees that holy angels are guarding them, and he infers that their sins have been pardoned; **but he does not know that their cases have been decided in the sanctuary above.** He has an accurate knowledge of the sins which he has tempted them to commit, and he presents these before God in the most exaggerated light, representing this people to be just as deserving as himself of exclusion from the favor of God. He declares that the Lord cannot in justice forgive their sins and yet destroy him and his angels. He claims them as his prey and demands that they be given into his hands to destroy." GC 618.2

"As Satan accuses the people of God on account of their sins, the Lord permits him to try them to the uttermost. Their confidence in God, their faith and firmness, will be severely tested. As they review the past, their hopes sink; for in their whole lives they can see little good. They are fully conscious of their weakness and unworthiness. Satan endeavors to terrify them with the thought that their cases are hopeless, that the stain of their defilement will never be washed away. He hopes so to destroy their faith that they will yield to his temptations and turn from their allegiance to God." GC 618.3

"Though God's people will be surrounded by enemies who are bent upon their destruction, yet the anguish which they suffer is not a dread of persecution for the truth's sake; they fear that every sin has not been repented of, and that through some fault in themselves they will fail to realize the fulfillment of the Saviour's promise: I "will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world." Revelation 3:10. If they could have the assurance of pardon they would not shrink from torture or death; but should they prove unworthy,

the 144,000 (the end-time remnant Israel of God). The 144000 will have the mind and faith of Jesus *fully* developed in them and by this Mind and Faith they will be the Fitman who will overcome Satan and condemn him to the ‘wilderness’ where he will be ‘bound’ at Christ’s Second coming for 1000 years (Revelation 20).

The following quotation of an early EGW vision (written to Spalding and Magan) opens up the type-antitype mystery of the Scapegoat vs the Fit-man.

“Then I saw that Jesus’ work in the sanctuary will soon be finished. And after His work there is finished, He will come to the door of the first apartment, and confess the sins of Israel upon the head of the Scape Goat. Then He will put on the garments of vengeance. Then the plagues will come upon the wicked, and they do not come till Jesus puts on that garment, and takes His place upon the great white cloud. **Then while the plagues are falling, the Scape Goat is being led away. He makes a mighty struggle to escape, but he is held fast by the hand that leads him.** If he should effect his escape, *Israel* would *lose* their lives. I saw that it would take time to lead away the Scape Goat into the land of forgetfulness after the sins were put on his head.” SpM 2.1

We now turn to the book : “**The Great Controversy**”for the details of the struggle **between** the Scapegoat and the Fitman.

“As Satan influenced Esau to march against Jacob, **so he will stir up the wicked to destroy God’s people in the time of trouble. And as he accused Jacob, he will urge his accusations against the people of God.** He numbers the world as his subjects; but the little company who keep the commandments of God are resisting his supremacy. **If he could blot them from**

wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.” Ezekiel 28:12-15. PP 35.1

“**Little by little Lucifer came to indulge the desire for self-exaltation.** The Scripture *says*, “Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness.”Ezekiel 28:17. “Thou hast said in thine heart,.. I will exalt my throne above the stars of God.... I will be like the Most High.”Isaiah 14:13, 14. Though all his glory was from God, this mighty angel came to regard it as pertaining to himself. Not **content** with his position, though honored above the heavenly host, he **ventured to covet homage due alone to the Creator.** Instead of seeking to make God supreme in the affections and allegiance of all created beings, it was his endeavor to secure their service and loyalty to himself. **And coveting the glory with which the infinite Father had invested His Son, this prince of angels aspired to power that was the prerogative of Christ alone.**”PP 35.2

“Now the perfect harmony of heaven was broken. **Lucifer’s disposition to serve himself instead of his Creator** aroused a feeling of apprehension when observed by those who considered that the glory of God should be supreme. In heavenly council the angels pleaded with Lucifer. The Son of God presented before him the greatness, the goodness, and the justice of the Creator, and the sacred, unchanging nature of His law. God Himself had established the order of heaven; and in departing from it, Lucifer would dishonor his Maker and bring ruin upon himself. But the warning, given in infinite love and mercy, only aroused a spirit of resistance. Lucifer allowed his **jealousy** of Christ to prevail, and became the more determined. PP 35.3

“To dispute the **supremacy** of the **Son of God**, thus impeaching the wisdom and love of the Creator, had become the purpose of this prince of angels. To this object he was about to bend the energies of that master mind, which, next to Christ’s, was first among the hosts of God. **But He who would have the will of all His creatures free**, left none unguarded to the bewildering sophistry by which rebellion would seek to justify itself. Before the great contest should open, all were to have a clear presentation of His will, **Whose wisdom and goodness** were the **spring** of all their **joy**.”PP 36.1

“The King of the universe summoned the heavenly hosts before Him, that in their presence He might set forth the true position of His Son and show the relation He sustained to all created beings. The Son of God shared the Father’s throne, and the glory of the eternal, self-existent One encircled both. About the throne gathered the holy angels, a vast, unnumbered throng—“ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands”(Revelation 5:11.), the most exalted angels, as ministers and subjects, rejoicing in the light that fell upon them from the presence of the Deity. Before the assembled inhabitants of heaven the King declared that none but **Christ**, the **Only Begotten** of God, could fully enter into His purposes, and to Him it was committed to execute the mighty counsels of His will. The Son of God had wrought the Father’s will in the creation of all the hosts of heaven; and to Him, as well as to God, their homage and allegiance were due. Christ was still to exercise divine power, in the creation of the earth and its inhabitants. But in all this He would not seek power or exaltation for Himself contrary to God’s plan, but would exalt the Father’s glory and execute His purposes of beneficence and love. PP 36.2

Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? ... for Thy judgments are made manifest.” Revelation 15:3, 4. DA 58.1

THE TIME OF TROUBLE SUCH AS NEVER WAS (DANIEL 12:1)

“When He leaves the sanctuary, darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth. In that fearful time the righteous must live in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor.(Isaiah 59:16,17). The restraint which has been upon the wicked is removed, and Satan has entire control of the finally impenitent. God’s long-suffering has ended. The world has rejected His mercy, despised His love, and trampled upon His law. **The wicked have passed the boundary of their probation; the Spirit of God, persistently resisted, has been at last withdrawn. Unsheltered by divine grace, they have no protection from the wicked one. Satan will then plunge the inhabitants of the earth into one great, final trouble. As the angels of God cease to hold in check the fierce winds of human passion, all the elements of strife will be let loose. The whole world will be involved in ruin more terrible than that which came upon Jerusalem of old.**” GC 614.1

THE TIME OF ‘JACOB’S TROUBLE’ (JEREMIAH 30: 6,7)

The Loud Cry of the Third Angel will be the **final test** for the world before probation’s closure. But the *time of Jacob’s Trouble* will be the **final test for God’s end-time remnant (called the 144,000) after probation’s closure**. The *time of Jacob’s Trouble* will commence after the second plague and end with the deliverance of the saints by the Voice of God at the start of plague 7.

During the period of the time of Jacob’s Trouble, Satan (the Leviticus 16 scapegoat) will be in a desperate struggle against

seventh day sabbath, will have their *sins blotted out* of the sanctuary records, their *names retained in the Book of Life* and will receive the Revelation 7 *Seal of the Living God*.

“Then Jesus ceases His intercession in the sanctuary above. He lifts His hands and with a loud voice says, “It is done;”and all the angelic host lay off their crowns as He makes the solemn announcement: “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.” Revelation 22:11. ***(That means that Probation has ended)***

“Every case has been decided for life or death. Christ has made the atonement for His people and blotted out their sins. The number of His subjects is made up; “the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven,”is about to be given to the heirs of salvation, and Jesus is to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.” GC 613.2

But none of these facts are known by the living saints!!

This judgment will also prove (by Christ’s victory at Calvary and by the His victory demonstrated through the 144000) that God was in *no* way responsible for the evolution of the Satanic enmity or for any sin.

“In the judgment of the universe, God will stand clear of blame for the existence or continuance of evil. It will be demonstrated that the divine decrees are not accessory to sin. There was no defect in God’s government, no cause for disaffection. When the thoughts of all hearts shall be revealed, both the loyal and the rebellious will unite in declaring, “Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints. Who shall not fear

“The angels joyfully acknowledged the supremacy of Christ, and prostrating themselves before Him, poured out their love and adoration. Lucifer bowed with them, but in his heart there was a strange, fierce conflict. Truth, justice, and loyalty were struggling against envy and jealousy. The influence of the holy angels seemed for a time to carry him with them. As songs of praise ascended in melodious strains, swelled by thousands of glad voices, the spirit of evil seemed vanquished; unutterable love thrilled his entire being; his soul went out, in harmony with the sinless worshippers, in love to the Father and the Son. ***But again he was filled with pride in his own glory.*** His ***desire*** for ***supremacy*** returned, and ***envy*** of Christ was once more indulged. The high honors conferred upon Lucifer were not appreciated as God’s special gift, and therefore, called forth no gratitude to his Creator. He ***gloried*** in his brightness and exaltation and aspired to be ***equal*** with God. He was beloved and revered by the heavenly host, angels delighted to execute his commands, and he was clothed with wisdom and glory above them all. Yet the Son of God was exalted above him, as one in power and authority with the Father. He shared the Father’s counsels, while Lucifer did not thus enter into the purposes of God. “Why,”questioned this mighty angel, “should Christ have the supremacy? Why is He honored above Lucifer?”PP 36.3

“Leaving his place in the immediate presence of the Father, Lucifer went forth to diffuse the spirit of discontent among the angels. He worked with mysterious secrecy, and for a time concealed his real purpose under an appearance of reverence for God. He began to insinuate doubts concerning the laws that governed heavenly beings, intimating that though laws might

be necessary for the inhabitants of the worlds, angels, being more exalted, needed no such restraint, for their own wisdom was a sufficient guide. They were not beings that could bring dishonor to God; all their thoughts were holy; it was no more possible for them than for God Himself to err. The exaltation of the Son of God as equal with the Father was represented as an injustice to Lucifer, who, it was claimed, was also entitled to reverence and honor. If this prince of angels could but attain to his true, exalted position, great good would accrue to the entire host of heaven; for it was his object to secure freedom for all. But now even the liberty which they had hitherto enjoyed was at an end; for an absolute Ruler had been appointed them, and to His authority all must pay homage. Such were the subtle deceptions that through the wiles of Lucifer were fast obtaining in the heavenly courts. PP 37.1

“The latter rain, ripening earth’s harvest, represents the spiritual grace that prepares the church for the coming of the Son of Man. But unless the former rain has fallen, there will be no life; the green blade will not spring up. Unless the early showers have done their work, the latter rain can bring no seed to perfection.”RH March 2, 1897

This latter rain ripening also prepares the remnant for the **greatest** test or shaking of **all**: *the time of trouble such as never was including the ‘time of Jacob’s Trouble’*

“Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved—**just as soon as God’s people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come.** Indeed, it has begun already; the judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming”(Manuscript 173, 1902). 4BC 1161.6

FINAL GENERATION PERFECTION

*“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a **perfect** man, unto the **measure** of the **stature** of the **fulness** of **Christ**.”Eph 4:13*

“The very image of God is to be reproduced in humanity. The honor of God, the honor of Christ, is involved in the **perfection** of the **character** of His **people**.” DA 671.3

THE INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT OF THE LIVING

Those end-time living saints who successfully endure the *early* time of trouble by abiding in Christ and being ripened to Christian character maturity and perfection as manifested *by keeping the*

human with the divine. The part man is required to sustain is immeasurably small, yet in the plan of God it is just that part that is needed to make the work a success.” AG 319.3

“We were brought into existence because we were needed”ST April 22,1903.

THE CHURCH NEEDS ON THE JOB TRAINING FOR HER QUEENLY ROLE

All the trials and persecutions the church endures give her the training she needs to overcome as Her Head overcame and at last sit with Him on His Throne

The Body of Christ, His true Church, in the final generation, the remnant of the woman’s seed, will be emptied of every trace of the Satanic enmity and will have the *mind of Christ* fully developed in each true member. The *mind of Christ empties the true believers of self*, so that only God is manifested and not self, not any trace of Satanic enmity, only the fullness of God. “And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be *filled with all the fulness of God.*”Ephesians 3:19

LATTER RAIN RIPENING

From the passing of the Sunday Law (*Image & Mark of the Beast*) to the closure of Probation (*a time unknown to all*), the latter rain of the Holy Spirit will ripen the end-time remnant from ‘ear’ to ‘*full grain in the ear*’ during what we call ‘the early time of trouble’ when persecutory pressure will be building up.

“The ripening of the grain represents the completion of the work of God’s grace in the soul. By the power of the Holy Spirit the moral image of God is to be perfected in the character. We are to be wholly transformed into the likeness of Christ.

CHAPTER THREE

Satan’s Expulsion From Heaven

“There had been no **change** in the **position** or **authority** of Christ. Lucifer’s envy and misrepresentation and his claims to equality with Christ had made necessary a statement of the true position of the Son of God; but this had been the same from the beginning. **Many of the angels were, however, blinded by Lucifer’s deceptions.** PP 38.1

“Taking advantage of the loving, loyal trust reposed in him by the holy beings under his command, he had so artfully instilled into their minds his own distrust and discontent that his agency was not discerned. Lucifer had **presented** the **purposes** of God in a **false light—misconstruing** and **distorting** them to **excite dissent** and **dissatisfaction**. He cunningly drew his hearers on to give utterance to their feelings; then these expressions were repeated by him when it would serve his purpose, as evidence that the angels were not fully in harmony with the government of God. **While claiming for himself perfect loyalty to God, he urged that changes in the order and laws of heaven were**

necessary for the stability of the divine government. Thus while working to excite opposition to the law of God and to instill his own discontent into the minds of the angels under him, he was ostensibly seeking to remove dissatisfaction and to reconcile disaffected angels to the order of heaven. ***While secretly fomenting discord and rebellion, he with consummate craft caused it to appear as if his sole purpose was to promote loyalty and to preserve harmony and peace.*** PP 38.2

“The spirit of dissatisfaction thus kindled was doing its baleful work. While there was no open outbreak, division of feeling imperceptibly grew up among the angels. There were some who looked with favor upon Lucifer’s insinuations against the government of God. Although they had heretofore been in perfect harmony with the order which God had established, they were now discontented and unhappy because they could not penetrate His unsearchable counsels; they were dissatisfied with His purpose in exalting Christ. These stood ready to second Lucifer’s demand for equal authority with the Son of God. But angels who were loyal and true maintained the wisdom and justice of the divine decree and endeavored to reconcile this disaffected being to the will of God. Christ was the Son of God; He had been one with Him before the angels were called into existence. He had ever stood at the right hand of the Father; His supremacy, so full of blessing to all who came under its benignant control, had not heretofore been questioned. The harmony of heaven had never been interrupted; wherefore should there now be discord? The loyal angels could see only terrible consequences from this dissension, and with earnest entreaty they counseled the disaffected ones to renounce their purpose and prove themselves loyal to God by fidelity to His government. PP 38.3

it is the Father who applies the knife. He works with no wanton hand or indifferent heart. There are branches trailing upon the ground; these must be cut loose from the earthly supports to which their tendrils are fastening. They are to reach heavenward, and find their support in God. The excessive foliage that draws away the life current from the fruit must be pruned off. The overgrowth must be cut out, to give room for the healing beams of the Sun of Righteousness. The husbandman prunes away the harmful growth, that the fruit may be richer and more abundant.” DA 676.6

“Herein is My Father glorified,” said Jesus, “that ye bear much fruit.” God desires to manifest through you the holiness, the benevolence, the compassion, of His own character. Yet the Saviour does not bid the disciples labor to bear fruit. He tells them to abide in Him. “If ye abide in Me,” He says, “and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” It is through the word that Christ abides in His followers. This is the same vital union that is represented by eating His flesh and drinking His blood. The words of Christ are spirit and life. Receiving them, you receive the life of the Vine. You live “by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” Matthew 4:4. The life of Christ in you produces the same fruits as in Him. Living in Christ, adhering to Christ, supported by Christ, drawing nourishment from Christ, you bear fruit after the similitude of Christ.” DA 677.1

DIVINE-HUMAN COOPERATION IN THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION

“Man can accomplish nothing without God, and God has arranged His plans so as to accomplish nothing in the restoration of the human race without the cooperation of the

cling to Jesus, and receive from Him by faith the strength and perfection of His own character. DA 676.2

“The root sends its nourishment through the branch to the outermost twig. So Christ communicates the current of spiritual strength to every believer. So long as the soul is united to Christ, there is no danger that it will wither or decay. DA 676.3

“The life of the vine will be manifest in fragrant fruit on the branches. “He that abideth in Me,” said Jesus, “and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.” When we live by faith on the Son of God, the fruits of the Spirit will be seen in our lives; not one will be missing. DA 676.4

“My Father is the husbandman. Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away.” While the graft is outwardly united with the vine, there may be no vital connection. Then there will be no growth or fruitfulness. So there may be an apparent connection with Christ without a real union with Him by faith. A profession of religion places men in the church, but the character and conduct show whether they are in connection with Christ. If they bear no fruit, they are false branches. Their separation from Christ involves a ruin as complete as that represented by the dead branch. “If a man abide not in Me,” said Christ, “he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.” DA 676.5

“And every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth [pruneth] it, that it may bring forth more fruit.” From the chosen twelve who had followed Jesus, one as a withered branch was about to be taken away; the rest were to pass under the pruning knife of bitter trial. Jesus with solemn tenderness explained the purpose of the husbandman. The pruning will cause pain, but

“In great mercy, according to His divine character, God bore long with Lucifer. The spirit of discontent and disaffection had never before been known in heaven. It was a new element, strange, mysterious, unaccountable. Lucifer himself had not at first been acquainted with the real nature of his feelings; for a time he had feared to express the workings and imaginings of his mind; yet he did not dismiss them. He did not see whither he was drifting. **But such efforts as infinite love and wisdom only could devise,** were made to convince him of his error. **His disaffection was proved to be without cause,** and he was made to see what would be the result of persisting in revolt. Lucifer was convinced that he was in the wrong. He saw that “the Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works” (Psalm 145:17); that the divine statutes are just, and that he ought to acknowledge them as such before all heaven. Had he done this, he might have saved himself and many angels. He had not at that time fully cast off his allegiance to God. Though he had left his position as covering cherub, yet if he had been willing to return to God, acknowledging the Creator’s wisdom, and satisfied to fill the place appointed him in God’s great plan, he would have been reinstated in his office. **The time had come for a final decision;** he must fully yield to the divine sovereignty or place himself in open rebellion. He nearly reached the decision to return, but pride forbade him. It was too great a sacrifice for one who had been so highly honored to confess that he had been in error, that his imaginings were false, and to yield to the authority which he had been working to prove unjust.” PP 39.1

“A compassionate Creator, in yearning pity for Lucifer and his followers, was seeking to draw them back from the abyss of ruin into which they were about to plunge. But His mercy

was misinterpreted. Lucifer pointed to the long-suffering of God as an evidence of his own superiority, an indication that the King of the universe would yet accede to his terms. If the angels would stand firmly with him, he declared, they could yet gain all that they desired. He persistently defended his own course, and fully committed himself to the great controversy against his Maker. Thus it was that Lucifer, “the light bearer,” the sharer of God’s glory, the attendant of His throne, by transgression became Satan, “the adversary” of God and holy beings and the destroyer of those whom Heaven had committed to his guidance and guardianship.” PP 39.2

“Rejecting with disdain the arguments and entreaties of the loyal angels, he denounced them as deluded slaves. The preference shown to Christ he declared an act of injustice both to himself and to all the heavenly host, and announced that he would no longer submit to this invasion of his rights and theirs. He would never again acknowledge the supremacy of Christ. He had determined to claim the honor which should have been given him, and take command of all who would become his followers; and he promised those who would enter his ranks a new and better government, under which all would enjoy freedom. Great numbers of the angels signified their purpose to accept him as their leader. Flattered by the favor with which his advances were received, he hoped to win all the angels to his side, to become equal with God Himself, and to be obeyed by the entire host of heaven.” PP 40.1

“Still the loyal angels urged him and his sympathizers to submit to God; and they set before them the inevitable result should they refuse: He who had created them could overthrow their power and signally punish their rebellious daring. No angel

“The omnipotent power of the Holy Spirit is the defense of every contrite soul. Not one that in penitence and faith has claimed His protection will Christ permit to pass under the enemy’s power. The Saviour is by the side of His tempted and tried ones. With Him there can be no such thing as failure, loss, impossibility, or defeat; we can do all things through Him who strengthens us. When temptations and trials come, do not wait to adjust all the difficulties, but look to Jesus, your helper. DA 490.5

VINE AND BRANCHES= ONE PLANT (JOHN 15)

“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” John 15:5

“This union with Christ, once formed, must be maintained. Christ said, “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me.” This is no casual touch, no off-and-on connection. The branch becomes a part of the living vine. The communication of life, strength, and fruitfulness from the root to the branches is unobstructed and constant. Separated from the vine, the branch cannot live. No more, said Jesus, can you live apart from Me. The life you have received from Me can be preserved only by continual communion. Without Me you cannot overcome one sin, or resist one temptation. DA 676.1

“Abide in Me, and I in you.” Abiding in Christ means a constant receiving of His Spirit, a life of unreserved surrender to His service. The channel of communication must be open continually between man and his God. As the vine branch constantly draws the sap from the living vine, so are we to

*“In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith **she** shall be called, **The LORD our righteousness.**”*Jeremiah 33:16

ONE BODY

*“For as the body is **one**, and hath many members, and all the members of that **one** body, being many, are **one** body: so also is **Christ.**”*1Cor.12:12

*“Now ye are the **body** of Christ, and **members** in particular.”*1 Corinthians 12:27

ONE VICTORY

*“Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to **triumph in Christ**, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.”*2 Corinthians 2:14

*“But thanks be to God, which **giveth** us the **victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*1 Corinthians 15:57

*“To him that **overcometh** will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as **I also overcame**, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”*Rev3:21

“Henceforward Christ’s followers were to **look upon Satan as a conquered** foe. Upon the cross, **Jesus was to gain the victory for them; that victory He desired them to accept as their own.** “Behold,”He said, “I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” DA 490.4

could successfully oppose the law of God, which was as sacred as Himself. They warned all to close their ears against Lucifer’s deceptive reasoning, and urged him and his followers to seek the presence of God without delay and confess the error of questioning His wisdom and authority.” PP 40.2

“Many were disposed to heed this counsel, to repent of their disaffection, and seek to be again received into favor with the Father and His Son. But Lucifer had another deception ready. The mighty revolter now declared that the angels who had united with him had gone too far to return; that he was acquainted with the divine law, and knew that God would not forgive. He declared that all who should submit to the authority of Heaven would be stripped of their honor, degraded from their position. For himself, he was determined never again to acknowledge the authority of Christ. The only course remaining for him and his followers, he said, was to assert their liberty, and gain by force the rights which had not been willingly accorded them.” PP 40.3

So far as Satan himself was concerned, it was true that he had now gone too far to return. But not so with those who had been blinded by his deceptions. To them the counsel and entreaties of the loyal angels opened a door of hope; and had they heeded the warning, they might have broken away from the snare of Satan. But pride, love for their leader, and the desire for unrestricted freedom were permitted to bear sway, and the pleadings of divine love and mercy were finally rejected.

God permitted Satan to carry forward his work until the spirit of disaffection ripened into active revolt. It was necessary for his plans to be fully developed, that their true nature and tendency might be seen by all. Lucifer, as the anointed

cherub, had been highly exalted; he was greatly loved by the heavenly beings, and his influence over them was strong. God's government included not only the inhabitants of heaven, but of all the worlds that He had created; and Lucifer had concluded that if he could carry the angels of heaven with him in rebellion, he could carry also all the worlds. He had artfully presented his side of the question, employing sophistry and fraud to secure his objects. His power to deceive was very great. By disguising himself in a cloak of falsehood, he had gained an advantage. All his acts were so clothed with mystery that it was difficult to disclose to the angels the true nature of his work. Until fully developed, it could not be made to appear the evil thing it was; his disaffection would not be seen to be rebellion. Even the loyal angels could not fully discern his character or see to what his work was leading.

Lucifer had at first so conducted his temptations that he himself stood uncommitted. The angels whom he could not bring fully to his side, he accused of indifference to the interests of heavenly beings. The very work which he himself was doing, he charged upon the loyal angels. It was his policy to perplex with subtle arguments concerning the purposes of God. Everything that was simple he shrouded in mystery, and by artful perversion cast doubt upon the plainest statements of Jehovah. And his high position, so closely connected with the divine government, gave greater force to his representations.

God could employ only such means as were consistent with truth and righteousness. Satan could use what God could not—flattery and deceit. He had sought to falsify the word of God and had misrepresented His plan of government, claiming that God was not just in imposing laws upon the angels; that in

OPPOSITION TO FINAL GENERATION PERFECTION

Those Adventists who oppose the doctrine of the final generation vindication of God's Government, declare that at Calvary, Christ had already defeated Satan and vindicated God by vanquishing every Satanic charge against God's Character and Kingdom ; so what more could be left for the end-time remnant (144000) to do?

This is a serious question and, seemingly, a difficult one as well!

Remember it was God who foretold that the *Seed (Christ)* would **crush** Satan's head. Yet the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 16:20 that God will soon **crush** Satan's head under the feet of the **church**.

"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you". Romans 16:20

If the church will ultimately **crush** Satan's **head**, Satan will ultimately **bruise** the church's **heel**, this means the church will feel the dragon's final desperate wrath as stated in Revelation 12:17....."And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the **remnant** of her seed, which **keep** the commandments of God, and **have** the **testimony** of Jesus Christ."

It should therefore be clear that this final **crushing** of Satan's **head** by the **church** while **she** receives the **final bruising** of **her heel** must occur in the **final generation** or **remnant** of the **woman's seed**!

CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH ARE ONE

ONE NAME

*"In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His name whereby **He** shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**(Jehovah Tsidkenu) Jeremiah"23:6*

Colossians 2:15 NIV: "And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross"

At Calvary, after completing His suffering of the full wrath of God for our collective human guilt, He exclaimed "It is finished" John 19:30

"Christ did not yield up His life till He had accomplished the work which He came to do, and with His parting breath He exclaimed, "It is finished." John 19:30. **The battle had been won.** His right hand and His holy arm had gotten Him the victory. As a Conqueror He planted His banner on the eternal heights. Was there not joy among the angels? All heaven triumphed in the Saviour's victory. **Satan was defeated, and knew that his kingdom was lost.**" DA 758.1

However, even before Calvary, Jesus foresaw Satan's defeat.

"The scenes of the past and the future were presented to the mind of Jesus. He beheld Lucifer as he was first cast out from the heavenly places. He looked forward to the scenes of His own agony, when before all the worlds the character of the deceiver should be unveiled. He heard the cry, "It is finished"(John 19:30), announcing that the **redemption of the lost race was forever made certain, that heaven was made eternally secure against the accusations, the deceptions, the pretensions,** that Satan would instigate." DA 490.2

"Beyond the cross of Calvary, with its agony and shame, Jesus looked forward to the great final day, when the prince of the power of the air will meet his destruction in the earth so long marred by his rebellion. Jesus beheld the work of evil forever ended, and the peace of God filling heaven and earth." DA 490.3

requiring submission and obedience from His creatures, He was seeking merely the exaltation of Himself. It was therefore necessary to demonstrate before the inhabitants of heaven, and of all the worlds, that God's government is just, His law perfect. Satan had made it appear that he himself was seeking to promote the good of the universe. The true character of the usurper and his real object must be understood by all. He must have time to manifest himself by his wicked works.

The discord which his own course had caused in heaven, Satan charged upon the government of God. All evil he declared to be the result of the divine administration. He claimed that it was his own object to improve upon the statutes of Jehovah. Therefore God permitted him to demonstrate the nature of his claims, to show the working out of his proposed changes in the divine law. His own work must condemn him. Satan had claimed from the first that he was not in rebellion. The whole universe must see the deceiver unmasked.

Even when he was cast out of heaven, Infinite Wisdom did not destroy Satan. Since only the service of love can be acceptable to God, the allegiance of His creatures must rest upon a conviction of His justice and benevolence. The inhabitants of heaven and of the worlds, being unprepared to comprehend the nature or consequences of sin, could not then have seen the justice of God in the destruction of Satan. Had he been immediately blotted out of existence, some would have served God from fear rather than from love. The influence of the deceiver would not have been fully destroyed, nor would the spirit of rebellion have been utterly eradicated. For the good of the entire universe through ceaseless ages, he must more fully develop his principles, that his charges against the divine government might be seen in

their true light by all created beings, and that the justice and mercy of God and the immutability of His law might be forever placed beyond all question.

Satan's rebellion was to be a lesson to the universe through all coming ages—a perpetual testimony to the nature of sin and its terrible results. The working out of Satan's rule, its effects upon both men and angels, would show what must be the fruit of setting aside the divine authority. It would testify that with the existence of God's government is bound up the well-being of all the creatures He has made. Thus the history of this terrible experiment of rebellion was to be a perpetual safeguard to all holy beings, to prevent them from being deceived as to the nature of transgression, to save them from committing sin, and suffering its penalty.

He that ruleth in the heavens is the one who sees the end from the beginning—the one before whom the mysteries of the past and the future are alike outspread, and who, beyond the woe and darkness and ruin that sin has wrought, beholds the accomplishment of His own purposes of love and blessing. Though “clouds and darkness are round about Him: righteousness and judgment are the foundation of His throne.” Psalm 97:2, R.V. And this the inhabitants of the universe, both loyal and disloyal, will one day understand. “His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He.” Deuteronomy 32:4.

The Satanic **mindset** or **thought-pattern** of **selfishness, self-centredness and self exaltation ripened into deep-rooted hatred for, and hostility against the Godhead, in particular against the Son of God. This is the enmity.** There was **no**

CHAPTER 13

GOD WILL CRUSH SATAN'S HEAD UNDER THE FEET OF THE 144000 IN THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE

Jesus told the Jews: John 8: 44 NIV

“You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

God intended to give Satan enough time to expose and ultimately to condemn himself. From the time of the Adamic Fall in Eden, God had foretold the severity of the conflict in Genesis 3:15 (KJV)

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

At Calvary, Satan bruised Christ's heel whereas Christ bruised Satan's head:

lest they should be put out of the synagogue.” They loved the praise of men rather than the approval of God. To save themselves from reproach and shame, they denied Christ, and rejected the offer of eternal life. And how many through all the centuries since have been doing the same thing! To them all the Saviour’s warning words apply: “He that loveth his life shall lose it.” “He that rejecteth Me,” said Jesus, “and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.” John 12:48.
DA 626.4

“Alas for those who knew not the time of their visitation! Slowly and regretfully Christ left forever the precincts of the temple.”
DA 626.5

defect, **no** deficiency in the Divine Government that caused the Satanic **enmity**. Satan had no valid reason **to hate** God. This **enmity** would be the **cause** of all sin and evil in the universe.

CHAPTER FOUR

CREATION OF THE EARTH AND MANKIND

The question usually asked at this juncture is this : Was the Earth and mankind created *before* or *after* Satan and his angels were expelled from heaven. We have two New Testament Bible texts: 2 Peter 2:4 and Revelation 12: 9, let us read them:

“For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to (Tartarus) hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;” 2 Peter 2:4

“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.” Rev. 12:9

Now let us read **STORY OF REDEMPTION**.

“Then there was war in heaven. The Son of God, the Prince of heaven, and His loyal angels engaged in conflict with the archrebel and those who united with him. The Son of God and true, loyal angels prevailed; and Satan *and his sympathizers*

He sees the cross, the cruel, ignominious cross, with all its attending horrors, blazing with glory. DA 625.4

BEYOND HUMAN REDEMPTION

“But the work of human redemption is not all that is accomplished by the cross. The love of God is manifested to the universe. The prince of this world is cast out. The accusations which Satan has brought against God are refuted. The reproach which he has cast upon heaven is forever removed. Angels as well as men are drawn to the Redeemer. “I, if I be lifted up from the earth,” He said, “will draw all unto Me.” DA 626.1

“Many people were round about Christ as He spoke these words, and one said, “We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth forever: and how sayest Thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man? Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.” DA 626.2

“But though He had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on Him.” They had once asked the Saviour, “What sign showest Thou then, that we may see, and believe Thee?” John 6:30. Innumerable signs had been given; but they had closed their eyes and hardened their hearts. Now that the Father Himself had spoken, and they could ask for no further sign, they still refused to believe. DA 626.3

“Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on Him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him,

“The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to Him.” But the inquiring Greeks saw the cloud, heard the voice, comprehended its meaning, and discerned Christ indeed; to them He was revealed as the Sent of God. DA 625.2

THREE TIMES THE VOICE OF GOD SPOKE

“The voice of God had been heard at the baptism of Jesus at the beginning of His ministry, and again at His transfiguration on the mount. Now at the close of His ministry it was heard for the third time, by a larger number of persons, and under peculiar circumstances. Jesus had just spoken the most solemn truth regarding the condition of the Jews. He had made His last appeal, and pronounced their doom. Now God again set His seal to the mission of His Son. He recognized the One whom Israel had rejected. “This voice came not because of Me,” said Jesus, “but for your sakes.” It was the crowning evidence of His Messiahship, the signal from the Father that Jesus had spoken the truth, and was the Son of God. DA 625.3

THE CRISIS OF THE WORLD

“Now is the judgment of this world,” Christ continued; “now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all unto Me. This He said, signifying what death He should die.” This is the crisis of the world. If I become the propitiation for the sins of men, the world will be lighted up. Satan’s hold upon the souls of men will be broken. The defaced image of God will be restored in humanity, and a family of believing saints will finally inherit the heavenly home. This is the result of Christ’s death. The Saviour is lost in contemplation of the scene of triumph called up before Him.

were expelled from heaven. All the heavenly host acknowledged and adored the God of justice. Not a taint of rebellion was left in heaven. All was again peaceful and harmonious as before. Angels in heaven mourned the fate of those who had been their companions in happiness and bliss. Their loss was felt in heaven. SR 19.1

“The Father consulted His Son in regard to at once carrying out their purpose to make man to inhabit the earth. He would place man upon probation to test his loyalty before he could be rendered eternally secure. If he endured the test wherewith God saw fit to prove him, he should eventually be equal with the angels. He was to have the favor of God, and he was to converse with angels, and they with him. He did not see fit to place them beyond the power of disobedience. SR 19.2

“As the earth came forth from the hand of its Maker, it was exceedingly beautiful. Its surface was diversified with mountains, hills, and plains, interspersed with noble rivers and lovely lakes; but the hills and mountains were not abrupt and rugged, abounding in terrific steepes and frightful chasms, as they now do; the sharp, ragged edges of earth’s rocky framework were buried beneath the fruitful soil, which everywhere produced a luxuriant growth of verdure. There were no loathsome swamps or barren deserts. Graceful shrubs and delicate flowers greeted the eye at every turn. The heights were crowned with trees more majestic than any that now exist. The air, untainted by foul miasma, was clear and healthful. The entire landscape outvied in beauty the decorated grounds of the proudest palace. The angelic host viewed the scene with delight, and rejoiced at the wonderful works of God. PP 44.2

“After the earth with its teeming animal and vegetable life had been called into existence, man, the crowning work of the Creator, and the one for whom the beautiful earth had been fitted up, was brought upon the stage of action. To him was given dominion over all that his eye could behold; for “God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over. ..all the earth.... So God created man in His own image;. ..male and female created He them.”Here is clearly set forth the origin of the human race; and the divine record is so plainly stated that there is no occasion for erroneous conclusions. God created man in His own image. Here is no mystery. There is no ground for the supposition that man was evolved by slow degrees of development from the lower forms of animal or vegetable life. Such teaching lowers the great work of the Creator to the level of man’s narrow, earthly conceptions. Men are so intent upon excluding God from the sovereignty of the universe that they degrade man and defraud him of the dignity of his origin. He who set the starry worlds on high and tinted with delicate skill the flowers of the field, who filled the earth and the heavens with the wonders of His power, when He came to crown His glorious work, to place one in the midst to stand as ruler of the fair earth, did not fail to create a being worthy of the hand that gave him life. The genealogy of our race, as given by inspiration, traces back its origin, not to a line of developing germs, mollusks, and quadrupeds, but to the great Creator. Though formed from the dust, Adam was “the son of God.”PP 44.3

“He was placed, as God’s representative, over the lower orders of being. They cannot understand or acknowledge the sovereignty of God, yet they were made capable of loving and

shrank from the hour of ***abandonment***, when to all appearance He would be deserted even by God, when all would see Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. He shrank from public exposure, from being treated as the worst of criminals, from a shameful and dishonored death. A foreboding of His conflict with the powers of darkness, a sense of the awful burden of human transgression, and the Father’s wrath because of sin caused the spirit of Jesus to faint, and the pallor of death to overspread His countenance. DA 624.3

“Then came divine submission to His Father’s will. “For this cause,”He said, “came I unto this hour. Father, glorify Thy name.” ***Only through the death of Christ could Satan’s kingdom be overthrown.*** Only thus could man be redeemed, and God be glorified. Jesus consented to the agony, He accepted the sacrifice. The Majesty of heaven consented to suffer as the Sin Bearer. “Father, glorify Thy name,”He said. As Christ spoke these words, a response came from the cloud which hovered above His head: “I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.”Christ’s whole life, from the manger to the time when these words were spoken, had glorified God; and in the coming trial His divine-human sufferings would indeed glorify His Father’s name. DA 624.4

“As the voice was heard, a light darted from the cloud, and encircled Christ, as if the arms of Infinite Power were thrown about Him like a wall of fire. The people beheld this scene with terror and amazement. No one dared to speak. With silent lips and bated breath all stood with eyes fixed upon Jesus. The testimony of the Father having been given, the cloud lifted, and scattered in the heavens. For the time the visible communion between the Father and the Son was ended. DA 625.1

preserved is the life that is freely given in service to God and man. Those who for Christ's sake sacrifice their life in this world will keep it unto life eternal. DA 623.5

"The life spent on self is like the grain that is eaten. It disappears, but there is no increase. A man may gather all he can for self; he may live and think and plan for self; but his life passes away, and he has nothing. The law of self-serving is the law of self-destruction. DA 624.1

"If any man serve Me," said Jesus, "let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be: if any man serve Me, him will My Father honor." All who have borne with Jesus the cross of sacrifice will be sharers with Him of His glory. It was the joy of Christ in His humiliation and pain that His disciples should be glorified with Him. They are the fruit of His self-sacrifice. The outworking in them of His own character and spirit is His reward, and will be His joy throughout eternity. This joy they share with Him as the fruit of their labor and sacrifice is seen in other hearts and lives. They are workers together with Christ, and the Father will honor them as He honors His Son. DA 624.2

"The message of the Greeks, foreshadowing as it did the gathering in of the Gentiles, brought to the mind of Jesus His entire mission. The work of redemption passed before Him, from the time when in heaven the plan was laid, to the death that was now so near at hand. A mysterious cloud seemed to enshroud the Son of God. Its gloom was felt by those near Him. He sat rapt in thought. At last the silence was broken by His mournful voice, "Now is My soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour?" In anticipation Christ was already drinking the cup of bitterness. His humanity

serving man. The psalmist says, "Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet: .. the beasts of the field; the fowl of the air, .. and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas." Psalm 8:6-8. PP 45.1

"Man was to bear God's image, both in outward resemblance and in character. Christ alone is "the express image"(Hebrews 1:3) of the Father; but man was formed in the likeness of God. His nature was in harmony with the will of God. His mind was capable of comprehending divine things. His affections were pure; his appetites and passions were under the control of reason. He was holy and happy in bearing the image of God and in perfect obedience to His will. PP 45.2

"As man came forth from the hand of his Creator, he was of lofty stature and perfect symmetry. His countenance bore the ruddy tint of health and glowed with the light of life and joy. Adam's height was much greater than that of men who now inhabit the earth. Eve was somewhat less in stature; yet her form was noble, and full of beauty. The sinless pair wore no artificial garments; they were clothed with a covering of light and glory, such as the angels wear. So long as they lived in obedience to God, this robe of light continued to enshroud them. PP 45.3

"Our first parents, though created innocent and holy, were not placed beyond the possibility of wrongdoing. God made them free moral agents, capable of appreciating the wisdom and benevolence of His character and the justice of His requirements, and with full liberty to yield or to withhold obedience. They were to enjoy communion with God and with holy angels; but

before they could be rendered eternally secure, their loyalty must be tested. At the very beginning of man's existence a check was placed upon the desire for self-indulgence, the fatal passion that lay at the foundation of Satan's fall. The tree of knowledge, which stood near the tree of life in the midst of the garden, was to be a test of the obedience, faith, and love of our parents. While permitted to eat freely of every other tree, they were forbidden to taste of this, on pain of death. They were also to be exposed to the temptations of Satan; but if they endured the trial, they would finally be placed beyond his power, to enjoy perpetual favor with God." PP 48.4

"God placed man under law, as an indispensable condition of his very existence. He was a subject of the divine government, and there can be no government without law. God might have created man without the power to transgress His law; He might have withheld the hand of Adam from touching the forbidden fruit; but in that case man would have been, not a free moral agent, but a mere automaton. Without freedom of choice, his obedience would not have been voluntary, but forced. There could have been no development of character. Such a course would have been contrary to God's plan in dealing with the inhabitants of other worlds. It would have been unworthy of man as an intelligent being, and would have sustained Satan's charge of God's arbitrary rule. PP 49.1

"God made man upright; He gave him noble traits of character, with no bias toward evil. He endowed him with high intellectual powers, and presented before him the strongest possible inducements to be true to his allegiance. Obedience, perfect and perpetual, was the condition of eternal happiness. On this condition he was to have access to the tree of life. PP 49.2

"Those who till the soil have the illustration ever before them. Year by year man preserves his supply of grain by apparently throwing away the choicest part. For a time it must be hidden under the furrow, to be watched over by the Lord. Then appears the blade, then the ear, and then the corn in the ear. But this development cannot take place unless the grain is buried out of sight, hidden, and to all appearance, lost. DA 623.2

"The seed buried in the ground produces fruit, and in turn this is planted. Thus the harvest is multiplied. So the death of Christ on the cross of Calvary will bear fruit unto eternal life. The contemplation of this sacrifice will be the glory of those who, as the fruit of it, will live through the eternal ages. DA 623.3

"The grain of wheat that preserves its own life can produce no fruit. It abides alone. Christ could, if He chose, save Himself from death. But should He do this, He must abide alone. He could bring no sons and daughters to God. Only by yielding up His life could He impart life to humanity. Only by falling into the ground to die could He become the seed of that vast harvest,—the great multitude that out of every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, are redeemed to God. DA 623.4

"With this truth Christ connects the lesson of self-sacrifice that all should learn: "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal." All who would bring forth fruit as workers together with Christ must first fall into the ground and die. The life must be cast into the furrow of the world's need. Self-love, self-interest, must perish. And the law of self-sacrifice is the law of self-preservation. The husbandman preserves his grain by casting it away. So in human life. **To give is to live.** The life that will be

NECESSARY FOR THE LOUD CRY

“The third angel’s message is swelling into a loud cry, and you must not feel at liberty to neglect the present duty, and still entertain the idea that at some future time you will be the recipients of great blessing, when without any effort on your part a wonderful revival will take place. Today you are to give yourselves to God, that He may make of you vessels unto honor, and meet for His service. **Today you are to give yourself to God, that you may be emptied of self, emptied of envy, jealousy, evil surmising, strife, everything that shall be dishonoring to God.** Today you are to have your vessel purified that it may be ready for the heavenly dew, ready for the showers of the latter rain; for the latter rain will come, and the blessing of God will fill every soul that is purified from every defilement. It is our work today to yield our souls to Christ, that we may be fitted for the time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord—fitted for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.”—The Review and Herald, March 22, 1892. 1SM 190.3

LESSONS FROM JESUS IN THE OUTER COURT

“Christ presented His future, illustrating it by the things of nature, that the disciples might understand. The true result of His mission was to be reached by His death. “Verily, verily, I say unto you,” He said, “Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” When the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it springs up, and bears fruit. So the death of Christ would result in fruit for the kingdom of God. In accordance with the law of the vegetable kingdom, life was to be the result of His death. DA 623.1

“Upon all created things is seen the impress of the Deity. Nature testifies of God. The susceptible mind, brought in contact with the miracle and mystery of the universe, cannot but recognize the working of infinite power. Not by its own inherent energy does the earth produce its bounties, and year by year continue its motion around the sun. An unseen hand guides the planets in their circuit of the heavens. A mysterious life pervades all nature—a life that sustains the unnumbered worlds throughout immensity, that lives in the insect atom which floats in the summer breeze, that wings the flight of the swallow and feeds the young ravens which cry, that brings the bud to blossom and the flower to fruit. Ed 99.1

“The same power that upholds nature, is working also in man. The same great laws that guide alike the star and the atom control human life. The laws that govern the heart’s action, regulating the flow of the current of life to the body, are the laws of the mighty Intelligence that has the jurisdiction of the soul. From Him all life proceeds. Only in harmony with Him can be found its true sphere of action. For all the objects of His creation the condition is the same—a life sustained by receiving the life of God, a life exercised in harmony with the Creator’s will. **To transgress His law, physical, mental, or moral, is to place one’s self out of harmony with the universe, to introduce discord, anarchy, ruin.** Ed 99.2

CHAPTER FIVE

The Creation Sabbath Genesis 2: 1- 3

“The creation was now complete. “The heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.”“And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.”Eden bloomed on earth. Adam and Eve had free access to the tree of life. No taint of sin or shadow of death marred the fair creation. “The morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.”Job 38:7. PP 47.1

“The great Jehovah had laid the foundations of the earth; He had dressed the whole world in the garb of beauty and had filled it with things useful to man; He had created all the wonders of the land and of the sea. In six days the great work of creation had been accomplished. And God “rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made.”God looked with satisfaction upon the work of His hands. All was perfect,

word. We should take one verse, and concentrate the mind on the task of ascertaining the thought which God has put in that verse for us. We should dwell upon the **thought** until it becomes our own, and we know “what saith the Lord.” DA 390.4

“In His promises and warnings, Jesus means me. God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that **I** by believing in Him, might not perish, but have everlasting life. **The** experiences related in God’s word are to be **my** experiences. Prayer and promise, precept and warning, are mine. “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved **me**, and gave Himself for **me**.” Galatians 2:20. As faith thus receives and assimilates the principles of truth, they become a part of the being and the motive power of the life. **The word of God, received into the soul, molds the thoughts, and enters into the development of character.** DA 390.5

“By looking constantly to Jesus with the eye of faith, we shall be strengthened. God will make the most precious revelations to His hungering, thirsting people. They will find that Christ is a personal Saviour. **As they feed upon His word, they find that it is spirit and life.** The word destroys the natural, earthly nature, and imparts a new life in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit comes to the soul as a Comforter. By the transforming agency of His grace, the image of God is reproduced in the disciple; he becomes a new creature. **Love takes the place of hatred**, and the heart receives the divine similitude. This is what it means to live “by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” This is eating the Bread that comes down from heaven. DA 391.1

“So with the followers of Christ. ***We can receive of heaven's light only as we are willing to be emptied of self. We cannot discern the character of God, or accept Christ by faith, unless we consent to the bringing into captivity of every thought to the obedience of Christ. To all who do this the Holy Spirit is given without measure.*** In Christ “dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and in Him ye are made full.” Colossians 2:9, 10, R. V. DA 181.1

A BELIEVER IN THE FULLEST SENSE

“Man must be emptied of self before he can be, in the fullest sense, a believer in Jesus. When self is renounced, then the Lord can make man a new creature. New bottles can contain the new wine. The love of Christ will animate the believer with new life. In him who looks unto the Author and Finisher of our faith the character of Christ will be manifest.” DA 280.4

HOW DO WE RECEIVE AND DEVELOP THE MIND OF CHRIST

“The law is an expression of the thought of God; ***when received in Christ,*** it becomes our ***thought.*** It lifts us above the power of natural desires and tendencies, above temptations that lead to sin. God desires us to be happy, and He gave us the precepts of the law that in obeying them we might have joy.” DA 308

“As our physical life is sustained by food, ***so our spiritual life is sustained by the word of God.*** And every soul is to receive life from God's word for himself. As we must eat for ourselves in order to receive nourishment, so we must receive the word for ourselves. We are not to obtain it merely through the medium of another's mind. We should carefully study the Bible, asking God for the aid of the Holy Spirit, that we may understand His

worthy of its divine Author, and He rested, not as one weary, but as well pleased with the fruits of His wisdom and goodness and the manifestations of His glory. PP 47.2

“After resting upon the seventh day, God sanctified it, or set it apart, as a day of rest for man. Following the example of the Creator, man was to rest upon this sacred day, that as he should look upon the heavens and the earth, he might reflect upon God's great work of creation; and that as he should behold the evidences of God's wisdom and goodness, his heart might be filled with love and reverence for his Maker. PP 47.3

“In Eden, God set up the memorial of His work of creation, in placing His blessing upon the seventh day. The Sabbath was committed to Adam, the father and representative of the whole human family. Its observance was to be an act of grateful acknowledgment, on the part of all who should dwell upon the earth, that God was their Creator and their rightful Sovereign; that they were the work of His hands and the subjects of His authority. Thus the institution was wholly commemorative, and given to all mankind. There was nothing in it shadowy or of restricted application to any people. PP 48.1

“God saw that a Sabbath was essential for man, even in Paradise. He needed to lay aside his own interests and pursuits for one day of the seven, that he might more fully contemplate the works of God and meditate upon His power and goodness. He needed a Sabbath to remind him more vividly of God and to awaken gratitude because all that he enjoyed and possessed came from the beneficent hand of the Creator. PP 48.2

“God designs that the Sabbath shall direct the minds of men to the contemplation of His created works. Nature speaks to their

senses, declaring that there is a living God, the Creator, the Supreme Ruler of all. “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.” Psalm 19:1, 2. The beauty that clothes the earth is a token of God’s love. We may behold it in the everlasting hills, in the lofty trees, in the opening buds and the delicate flowers. All speak to us of God. The Sabbath, ever pointing to Him who made them all, bids men open the great book of nature and trace therein the wisdom, the power, and the love of the Creator.” PP 48.3

Let us now read Testimonies Volume 2 Chapter 71, pages 582 to 585

“God is merciful. His requirements are reasonable, in accordance with the goodness and benevolence of His character. The object of the Sabbath was that all mankind might be benefited. Man was not made to fit the Sabbath; for the Sabbath was made after the creation of man, to meet his necessities. After God had made the world in six days, He rested and sanctified and blessed the day upon which He rested from all His work which He had created and made. He set apart that special day for man to rest from his labor, that, as he should look upon the earth beneath and the heavens above, he might reflect that God made all these in six days and rested upon the seventh; and that, as he should behold the tangible proofs of God’s infinite wisdom, his heart might be filled with love and reverence for his Maker.” 2T 582.3

“In order to keep the Sabbath holy, it is not necessary that we enclose ourselves in walls, shut away from the beautiful scenes of nature and from the free, invigorating air of heaven. We

and obscurity, that the eyes of all might be turned to the Light of life.” DA 179.4

LOVE OF SELF SWALLOWED UP IN LOVE FOR CHRIST

“Those who are true to their calling as messengers for God will not seek honor for themselves. **Love for self will be swallowed up in love for Christ. No rivalry will mar the precious cause of the gospel.** They will recognize that it is their work to proclaim, as did John the Baptist, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” John 1:29. They will lift up Jesus, and with Him humanity will be lifted up. “Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.” Isaiah 57:15. DA 179.5

“The soul of the prophet, **emptied** of self, was **filled** with the **light** of the divine. As he witnessed to the Saviour’s glory, his words were almost a counterpart of those that Christ Himself had spoken in His interview with Nicodemus. John said, “He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: He that cometh from heaven is above all.... For He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto Him.” Christ could say, “I seek not Mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me.” John 5:30. To Him it is declared, “Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows.” Hebrews 1:9. The Father “giveth not the Spirit by measure unto Him.” DA 180.1

“The religion of Christ means more than the forgiveness of sin; it means taking away our sins, and filling the vacuum with the graces of the Holy Spirit. It means divine illumination, rejoicing in God. **It means a heart emptied of self, and blessed with the abiding presence of Christ.** When Christ **reigns** in the soul, **there is purity, freedom from sin.** The glory, the fullness, the completeness of the gospel plan is fulfilled in the life. The acceptance of the Saviour brings a glow of perfect peace, perfect love, perfect assurance. The beauty and fragrance of the character of Christ revealed in the life testifies that God has indeed sent His Son into the world to be its Saviour. COL 419.6

DAILY CONVERSION

*“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross **daily**, and follow me.”*Luke 9:23

“Unless the soul-temple is **daily emptied of self**, and prepared for the reception of the Holy Spirit, self will rule the entire being. The words and acts will be tarnished with selfishness. Christ will not appear in the life. There will be seen a self-confidence that is wholly inappropriate.”E. G. W. GCB April 3, 1903, par. 5 – GCB

A LESSON FROM JOHN THE BAPTIST

*“He must increase, but I must decrease”*John3: 30

“Looking in faith to the Redeemer, John had risen to the **height of self-abnegation.** He sought not to attract men to himself, but to lift their thoughts higher and still higher, until they should rest upon the Lamb of God. He himself had been only a voice, a cry in the wilderness. Now with joy he accepted silence

should in no case allow burdens and business transactions to divert our minds upon the Sabbath of the Lord, which He has sanctified. We should not allow our minds to dwell upon things of a worldly character even. But the mind cannot be refreshed, enlivened, and elevated by being confined nearly all the Sabbath hours within walls, listening to long sermons and tedious, formal prayers. The Sabbath of the Lord is put to a wrong use if thus celebrated. The object for which it was instituted is not attained. The Sabbath was made for man, to be a blessing to him by calling his mind from secular labor to contemplate the goodness and glory of God. It is necessary that the people of God assemble to talk of Him, to interchange thoughts and ideas in regard to the truths contained in His word, and to devote a portion of time to appropriate prayer. But these seasons, even upon the Sabbath, should not be made tedious by their length and lack of interest.”2T 583.1

“During a portion of the day, all should have an opportunity to be out of doors. How can children receive a more correct knowledge of God, and their minds be better impressed, than in spending a portion of their time out of doors, not in play, but in company with their parents? **Let their young minds be associated with God in the beautiful scenery of nature, let their attention be called to the tokens of His love to man in His created works, and they will be attracted and interested. They will not be in danger of associating the character of God with everything that is stern and severe; but as they view the beautiful things which He has created for the happiness of man, they will be led to regard Him as a tender, loving Father. They will see that His prohibitions and injunctions are not made merely to show His power and authority, but that**

He has the happiness of His children in view. As the character of God puts on the aspect of love, benevolence, beauty, and attraction, they are drawn to love Him. You can direct their minds to the lovely birds making the air musical with their happy songs, to the spires of grass, and the gloriously tinted flowers in their perfection perfuming the air. All these proclaim the love and skill of the heavenly Artist, and show forth the glory of God.”2T 583.2

“Parents, why not make use of the precious lessons which God has given us in the book of nature, to give our children a correct idea of His character? Those who sacrifice simplicity to fashion, and shut themselves away from the beauties of nature, cannot be spiritually minded. They cannot understand the skill and power of God as revealed in His created works; therefore their hearts do not quicken and throb with new love and interest, and they are not filled with awe and reverence as they see God in nature.”2T 584.1

“All who love God should do what they can to make the Sabbath a delight, holy and honorable. They cannot do this by seeking their own pleasure in sinful, forbidden amusements. Yet they can do much to exalt the Sabbath in their families and make it the most interesting day of the week. We should devote time to interesting our children. A change will have a happy influence upon them. We can walk out with them in the open air; we can sit with them in the groves and in the bright sunshine, and give their restless minds something to feed upon by conversing with them upon the works of God, and can inspire them with love and reverence by calling their attention to the beautiful objects in nature.”2T 584.2

vestige of the Satanic enmity and will have, fully developed in them, the mind of Christ. But before that final battle in the time of Jacob’s Trouble, we must study *the emptying of self* in greater detail.

JESUS NEVER ALLOWED SELFISH OR SELF-CENTRED THOUGHTS.

*“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me”*John 5:30

By constant surrender to His Father, the Holy Spirit in and through the word of God kept His attitude, His thinking always *selfless*. He is our perfect example.

“But the Son of God was surrendered to the Father’s will, and dependent upon His power. ***So utterly was Christ emptied of self that He made no plans for Himself.*** He accepted God’s plans for Him, and day by day the Father unfolded His plans. So should we depend upon God, that our lives may be the simple outworking of His will.” DA 208.2

THE NEW BIRTH

Ephesians 4:23: “And be renewed in the spirit of your mind”

“Jesus emptied Himself, and in all that He did, self did not appear. He subordinated all things to the will of His Father. When His mission on earth was about to close, He could say, “I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do.” John 17:4. And He bids us, “Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart.” “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself”(Matthew 11:29; 16:24); ***let self be dethroned and no longer hold the supremacy of the soul.***” MB 14.3

CHAPTER 12

EMPTIED OF SELF

The Satanic thought pattern or mindset of self-exaltation, self-centredness, selfishness and unbelief is the *Satanic enmity*, it is also called the *carnal mind, the mind of self*, or simply *self*.

The thought-pattern, attitude, mindset of Jesus, is the *mind of Christ* also called *the Spiritual mind, it is the way of thinking, the attitude, the thought pattern* based upon and controlled by *the eternal Divine principle of unselfish, self-sacrificing Agape Love in the Holy Spirit*.

We have already learnt that this *Spiritual Mind, the Mind of Christ was developed, tested, and proven victorious* in the man Christ Jesus. This *Mind of the man Christ Jesus* defeated the Satanic enmity in every battle so far in the great controversy on *earth*. The Man Christ Jesus won the *decisive* battle at Calvary, since then His Bride, the Church has been embattled against the Satanic enmity for approximately 2000 years. At, last the end-time remnant church, the 144,000, will be completely *emptied* of every

“The Sabbath should be made so interesting to our families that its weekly return will be hailed with joy. In no better way can parents exalt and honor the Sabbath than by devising means to impart proper instruction to their families and interesting them in spiritual things, giving them correct views of the character of God and what He requires of us in order to perfect Christian characters and attain to eternal life. Parents, make the Sabbath a delight, that your children may look forward to it and have a welcome in their hearts for it.”2T 585.1

CHAPTER SIX

SATANIC ENMITY INVADES PLANET EARTH AND ALL FLESH

“No longer free to stir up rebellion in heaven, Satan’s **enmity** against God found a new field in plotting the ruin of the human race. In the happiness and peace of the holy pair in Eden he beheld a vision of the bliss that to him was forever lost. Moved by envy, he determined to incite them to disobedience, and bring upon them the guilt and penalty of sin. He would change their love to distrust and their songs of praise to reproaches against their Maker. Thus he would not only plunge these innocent beings into the same misery which he was himself enduring, but would cast dishonor upon God, and cause grief in heaven. PP 52.1

“Our first parents were not left without a warning of the danger that threatened them. Heavenly messengers opened to them the history of Satan’s fall and his plots for their destruction, **unfolding more fully the nature of the divine government**, which the prince of evil was trying to overthrow. It was by disobedience to the just commands of God that Satan and

as a link in the chain let down to save the world, one with Christ in His plan of mercy, going forth with Him to seek and save the lost. The Christian is ever to realize that he has consecrated himself to God, and that in character he is to reveal Christ to the world. ***The self-sacrifice, the sympathy, the love, manifested in the life of Christ are to reappear in the life of the worker for God.*** DA 417.1

“Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the gospel’s, the same shall save it.” ***Selfishness is death.*** No organ of the body could live should it confine its service to itself. The heart, failing to send its lifeblood to the hand and the head, would quickly lose its power. As our lifeblood, so is the love of Christ diffused through every part of His mystical body. We are members one of another, and the soul that refuses to impart will perish. And “what is a man profited,” said Jesus, “if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” DA 417.2

One invisible wrote upon his walls the words of doom, and the tread of hostile armies was heard at his palace gates. “In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain,” and an alien monarch sat upon the throne.” (Daniel 5:30). COL 258.4

WHY THE SATANIC ENMITY IS DEATH

***“To live for self is to perish. Covetousness, the desire of benefit for self’s sake, cuts the soul off from life. It is the spirit of Satan to get, to draw to self. It is the spirit of Christ to give, to sacrifice self for the good of others.*”** “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” 1 John 5:11, 12. COL 259.1

“Wherefore He says, “Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.” COL 259.2

“But Jesus bade His followers take up the cross and bear it after Him. To the disciples His words, though dimly comprehended, pointed to their submission to the most bitter humiliation,— submission even unto death for the sake of Christ. No more complete self-surrender could the Saviour’s words have pictured. But all this He had accepted for them. ***Jesus did not count heaven a place to be desired while we were lost. He left the heavenly courts for a life of reproach and insult, and a death of shame. He who was rich in heaven’s priceless treasure, became poor, that through His poverty we might be rich. We are to follow in the path He trod.***” DA 416.3

“Love for souls for whom Christ died means crucifixion of self. He who is a child of God should henceforth look upon himself

his host had fallen. How important, then, that Adam and Eve should honor that law by which alone it was possible for order and equity to be maintained. PP 52.2

“The law of God is as sacred as God Himself. It is a revelation of His will, a ***transcript of His character, the expression of divine love and wisdom***. The harmony of creation depends upon the perfect conformity of all beings, of everything, animate and inanimate, to the law of the Creator. God has ordained laws for the government, not only of living beings, but of all the operations of nature. Everything is under fixed laws, which cannot be disregarded. But while everything in nature is governed by natural laws, man alone, of all that inhabits the earth, is amenable to moral law. To man, the crowning work of creation, God has given power to understand His requirements, to comprehend the justice and beneficence of His law, and its sacred claims upon him; and of man unswerving obedience is required. PP 52.3

“Like the angels, the dwellers in Eden had been placed upon probation; their happy estate could be retained only on condition of fidelity to the Creator’s law. They could obey and live, or disobey and perish. God had made them the recipients of rich blessings; but should they disregard His will, He who spared not the angels that sinned, could not spare them; transgression would forfeit His gifts and bring upon them misery and ruin. PP 53.1

“The angels warned them to be on their guard against the devices of Satan, for his efforts to ensnare them would be unwearied. While they were obedient to God the evil one could not harm them; for, if need be, every angel in heaven would be

sent to their help. If they steadfastly repelled his first insinuations, they would be as secure as the heavenly messengers. But should they once yield to temptation, their nature would become so depraved that in themselves they would have no power and no disposition to resist Satan. PP 53.2

“The tree of knowledge had been made a test of their obedience and their love to God. The Lord had seen fit to lay upon them but one prohibition as to the use of all that was in the garden; but if they should disregard His will in this particular, they would incur the guilt of transgression. Satan was not to follow them with continual temptations; he could have access to them only at the forbidden tree. Should they attempt to investigate its nature, they would be exposed to his wiles. They were admonished to give careful heed to the warning which God had sent them and to be content with the instruction which He had seen fit to impart. PP 53.3

“In order to accomplish his work unperceived, Satan chose to employ as his medium the serpent—a disguise well adapted for his purpose of deception. The serpent was then one of the wisest and most beautiful creatures on the earth. It had wings, and while flying through the air presented an appearance of dazzling brightness, having the color and brilliancy of burnished gold. Resting in the rich-laden branches of the forbidden tree and regaling itself with the delicious fruit, it was an object to arrest the attention and delight the eye of the beholder. Thus in the garden of peace lurked the destroyer, watching for his prey. PP 53.4

“The angels had cautioned Eve to beware of separating herself from her husband while occupied in their daily labor in the

excuse will be swept away. Human apostasy will appear in its heinous character. **Men will see what their choice has been.** Every question of truth and error in the long-standing controversy will then have been made plain. **In the judgment of the universe, God will stand clear of blame for the existence or continuance of evil.** It will be demonstrated that the divine decrees are not accessory to sin. There was no defect in God’s government, no cause for disaffection. When the thoughts of all hearts shall be revealed, both the loyal and the rebellious will unite in declaring, “Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints. Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? ... for Thy judgments are made manifest.” Revelation 15:3, 4. DA 58.1

LIVING FOR SELF = REJECTION OF DIVINE LOVE

Concerning the parable of the rich man who pulled down his barns to build greater barns, we are told:

“In **living for self** he has **rejected** that **divine love** which would have **flowed out in mercy to his fellow men. Thus he has rejected life. For God is love, and love is life.** This man has chosen the earthly rather than the spiritual, and with the earthly he must pass away. “Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.” Psalm 49:20. COL 258.3

“So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”The picture is true for all time. You may plan for merely selfish good, you may gather together treasure, you may build mansions great and high, as did the builders of ancient Babylon; but you cannot build wall so high or gate so strong as to shut out the messengers of doom. Belshazzar the king “feasted in his palace,”and “praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.”But the hand of

Prov.8: 35,36“*For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.*”Proverbs 8: 35,36

“*And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.*”Matthew 21: 44

“And on “whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.” The people who rejected Christ were soon to see their city and their nation destroyed. Their glory would be broken, and scattered as the dust before the wind. And what was it that destroyed the Jews? It was the rock which, had they built upon it, would have been their security. It was the goodness of God despised, the righteousness spurned, the mercy slighted. Men set themselves in opposition to God, and all that would have been their salvation was turned to their destruction. All that God ordained unto life they found to be unto death. In the Jews’ crucifixion of Christ was involved the destruction of Jerusalem. ***The blood shed upon Calvary was the weight that sank them to ruin for this world and for the world to come. So it will be in the great final day, when judgment shall fall upon the rejecters of God’s grace. Christ, their rock of offense, will then appear to them as an avenging mountain. The glory of His countenance, which to the righteous is life, will be to the wicked a consuming fire. Because of love rejected, grace despised, the sinner will be destroyed.*** DA 600.2

“In the day of final judgment, every lost soul will understand the nature of his own **rejection** of truth. The **cross** will be presented, and its real bearing will be seen by every mind that has been blinded by transgression. ***Before the vision of Calvary with its mysterious Victim, sinners will stand condemned.*** Every lying

garden; with him she would be in less danger from temptation than if she were alone. But absorbed in her pleasing task, she unconsciously wandered from his side. On perceiving that she was alone, she felt an apprehension of danger, but dismissed her fears, deciding that she had sufficient wisdom and strength to discern evil and to withstand it. Unmindful of the angels’ caution, she soon found herself gazing with mingled curiosity and admiration upon the forbidden tree. The fruit was very beautiful, and she questioned with herself why God had withheld it from them. Now was the tempter’s opportunity. As if he were able to discern the workings of her mind, he addressed her: “Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” Eve was surprised and startled as she thus seemed to hear the echo of her thoughts. But the serpent continued, in a musical voice, with subtle praise of her surpassing loveliness; and his words were not displeasing. Instead of fleeing from the spot she lingered wonderingly to hear a serpent speak. Had she been addressed by a being like the angels, her fears would have been excited; but she had no thought that the fascinating serpent could become the medium of the fallen foe. PP 53.5

“To the tempter’s ensnaring question she replied: “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. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 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.”PP 54.1

“By partaking of this tree, he declared, they would attain to a more exalted sphere of existence and enter a broader field of knowledge. He himself had eaten of the forbidden fruit,

and as a result had acquired the power of speech. And he insinuated that the Lord jealously desired to withhold it from them, lest they should be exalted to equality with Himself. It was because of its wonderful properties, imparting wisdom and power, that He had prohibited them from tasting or even touching it. The tempter intimated that the divine warning was not to be actually fulfilled; it was designed merely to intimidate them. How could it be possible for them to die? Had they not eaten of the tree of life? God had been seeking to prevent them from reaching a nobler development and finding greater happiness. PP 54.2

“Such has been Satan’s work from the days of Adam to the present, and he has pursued it with great success. He tempts men to distrust God’s love and to doubt His wisdom. He is constantly seeking to excite a spirit of irreverent curiosity, a restless, inquisitive desire to penetrate the secrets of divine wisdom and power. In their efforts to search out what God has been pleased to withhold, multitudes overlook the truths which He has revealed, and which are essential to salvation. Satan tempts men to disobedience by leading them to believe they are entering a wonderful field of knowledge. But this is all a deception. Elated with their ideas of progression, they are, by trampling on God’s requirements, setting their feet in the path that leads to degradation and death. PP 54.3

“Satan represented to the holy pair that they would be gainers by breaking the law of God. Do we not today hear similar reasoning? Many talk of the narrowness of those who obey God’s commandments, while they themselves claim to have broader ideas and to enjoy greater liberty. What is this but an echo of the voice from Eden, “In the day ye eat thereof”—

Therefore it should be clearly seen that *cherishing* the Satanic enmity and refusing to give it up *is the unpardonable sin*.

No one will be condemned to the second death(the second condemnation) because of Adam’s fall or because of *sins* that are not unto death *but because of cherishing the Satanic enmity and rejecting Christ thereby grieving away the Holy Spirit*.

JESUS EXPLAINED THE SECOND CONDEMNATION VERY CLEARLY.

John 8:24; Mark16:15,16; John 12:46-48; Proverbs 8:35,36; Matthew 21:44

“I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins.”John 8: 24

¹⁵“He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”Mark 16:15, 16 NIV

John 12: 46-48: ⁴⁶I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. ⁴⁷If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to **judge** the world, but to **save** the world. ⁴⁸There is a judge for the one who **rejects** me and does **not** accept my words; **the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day.**”

“Jesus came with the truth of heaven, and all who were listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit were drawn to Him. The **worshippers of self belonged to Satan’s kingdom. In their attitude toward Christ, all would show on which side they stood. And thus everyone passes judgment on himself.**” DA 57.3

spiritual mind, the *minding of the spirit, is the mind of Christ and is life and peace*.

The Satanic **enmity** is not subject to the law of God neither indeed can be, it is therefore the cause of human law transgression.

5. JOHN 16: 9... “of sin because they believe *not on Me*”. The Jewish Priests and Rabbis were sure they could keep the Law without believing in Jesus. Jesus told them that the Holy Spirit would reprove them of sin *because they believed not on Him!* Anyone who feels he can stand before God’s Law and claim justification without Christ is in a fatal delusion. Clinging to sin is *evidence* for rejection of Christ but it is the rejection of Christ which is the legal basis for the second condemnation.

*“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.⁸ And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me;¹⁰ Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;¹¹ Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.¹² I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.”*John 16:7-12

THE PRIESTS AND RABBIS CHERISHED THE SATANIC ENMITY

“That the **hatred** of the priests and rabbis would **never** be overcome, that Christ would be rejected by His own nation, condemned as a deceiver, and crucified as a malefactor,—such a thought the disciples had never entertained. But the hour of the power of darkness was drawing on, and Jesus must open to His disciples the conflict before them. He was sad as He anticipated the trial”. DA 415.1

transgress the divine requirement—“ye shall be as gods”? Satan claimed to have received great good by eating of the forbidden fruit, but he did not let it appear that by transgression he had become an outcast from heaven. Though he had found sin to result in infinite loss, he concealed his own misery in order to draw others into the same position. So now the transgressor seeks to disguise his true character; he may claim to be holy; but his exalted profession only makes him the more dangerous as a deceiver. He is on the side of Satan, trampling upon the law of God, and leading others to do the same, to their eternal ruin. PP 55.1

“Eve really believed the words of Satan, but her belief did not save her from the penalty of sin. She disbelieved the words of God, and this was what led to her fall. In the judgment men will not be condemned because they conscientiously believed a lie, but because they did not believe the truth, because they neglected the opportunity of learning what is truth. Notwithstanding the sophistry of Satan to the contrary, it is always disastrous to disobey God. We must set our hearts to know what is truth. All the lessons which God has caused to be placed on record in His word are for our warning and instruction. They are given to save us from deception. Their neglect will result in ruin to ourselves. Whatever contradicts God’s word, we may be sure proceeds from Satan. PP 55.2

“The serpent plucked the fruit of the forbidden tree and placed it in the hands of the half-reluctant Eve. Then he reminded her of her own words, that God had forbidden them to touch it, lest they die. She would receive no more harm from eating the fruit, he declared, than from touching it. Perceiving no evil results from what she had done, Eve grew bolder. When she “saw that

the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat.”It was grateful to the taste, and as she ate, she seemed to feel a vivifying power, and imagined herself entering upon a higher state of existence. Without a fear she plucked and ate. And now, having herself transgressed, she became the agent of Satan in working the ruin of her husband. In a state of strange, unnatural excitement, with her hands filled with the forbidden fruit, she sought his presence, and related all that had occurred. PP 55.3

“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. In answer she urged him to eat, repeating the words of the serpent, that they should not surely die. She reasoned that this must be true, for she felt no evidence of God’s displeasure, but on the contrary realized a delicious, exhilarating influence, thrilling every faculty with new life, such, she imagined, as inspired the heavenly messengers. PP 56.1

“Adam understood that his companion had transgressed the command of God, disregarded the only prohibition laid upon them as a test of their fidelity and love. There was a terrible struggle in his mind. He mourned that he had permitted Eve to wander from his side. But now the deed was done; he must be separated from her whose society had been his joy. How could he have it thus? Adam had enjoyed the companionship of God and of holy angels. He had looked upon the glory of the Creator. He understood the high destiny opened to the human race should they remain faithful to God. Yet all these blessings

BIBLICAL TERMS USED TO DESCRIBE THE SATANIC ENMITY AS IT PERTAINS TO MAN

1. The law of sin and death. Romans 8: 2
2. The Carnal mind Romans 8:6,7
3. The friendship of the world. James 4:4; 1John 2:15- 17
4. Sin unto death. 1 John 5:16

“If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that.”¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.”1 John 5:16,17 NIV

The sin that leads to the second death is the sin that Jesus did not die for. And which sin is that? The Satanic Enmity also called, with reference to man, carnal-mindedness. Whoever cherishes and clings to this Satanic enmity and refuses to have it replaced by the mind of Christ will remain unrepentant and will remain in unbelief and thereby commit the unpardonable sin, which is persistent unbelief and resistance against the wooing, convincing/ convicting work of the Holy Spirit.

“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace”. Romans 8: 6

*“Because the carnal mind is **enmity** against God : for it is **not** subject to the law of God, **neither indeed can be**”Romans 8: 7*

The carnal mind is the *mindings of the flesh* which is the mindset or *thought pattern of selfishness* which is **death**. In contrast, the

“All who follow Christ will wear the crown of sacrifice. They will surely be misunderstood by selfish men, and will be made a mark for the fierce assaults of **Satan. It is this principle of self-sacrifice that his kingdom is established to destroy, and he will war against it wherever manifested.**” DA 223.4

“That the Son of God should come to this earth as a **man** filled Satan with amazement and apprehension. He could not fathom the mystery of this great sacrifice. His **selfish** soul could **not understand** such **love** for the deceived race”: DA115

TWO ENMITIES

Satan’s enmity is selfish, self-centred hatred of God, unbelief in God’s word and outright war against God and the human race.

“Satan’s enmity against the human race is kindled because, **through Christ**, they are objects of God’s Love and mercy. Satan desires to thwart the divine plan for man’s redemption, to cast dishonor upon God, by defying and defiling His handiwork; he would cause grief in heaven and fill the earth with woe and desolation. And he points to all this evil as the result of God’s work in creating man”. **GC 506**

The enmity of God’s born-again believers against Satan is the principle of unselfish Agape Love that Christ implants in the believer’s spirit and soul. This grace, the power of Divine self-sacrificing Agape Love enables man to resist the tyrant and usurper. As Satan relentlessly waged war against Christ, so too he has waged war against God’s true believers in all ages. The final battle is ‘just around the corner’. But Satanic hatred cannot defeat Christ’s Love!

were lost sight of in the fear of losing that one gift which in his eyes outvalued every other. Love, gratitude, loyalty to the Creator—all were overborne by love to Eve. She was a part of himself, and he could not endure the thought of separation. He did not realize that the same Infinite Power who had from the dust of the earth created him, a living, beautiful form, and had in love given him a companion, could supply her place. He resolved to share her fate; if she must die, he would die with her. After all, he reasoned, might not the words of the wise serpent be true? Eve was before him, as beautiful and apparently as innocent as before this act of disobedience. She expressed greater love for him than before. No sign of death appeared in her, and he decided to brave the consequences. He seized the fruit and quickly ate. PP 56.2

“After his transgression Adam at first imagined himself entering upon a higher state of existence. But soon the thought of his sin filled him with terror. The air, which had hitherto been of a mild and uniform temperature, seemed to chill the guilty pair. The love and peace which had been theirs was gone, and in its place they felt a sense of sin, a dread of the future, a nakedness of soul. The robe of light which had enshrouded them, now disappeared, and to supply its place they endeavored to fashion for themselves a covering; for they could not, while unclothed, meet the eye of God and holy angels. PP 57.1

“They now began to see the true character of their sin. Adam reproached his companion for her folly in leaving his side and permitting herself to be deceived by the serpent; but they both flattered themselves that He who had given them so many evidences of His love, would pardon this one transgression, or that they would not be subjected to so dire a punishment as they had feared. PP 57.2

“Satan exulted in his success. He had tempted the woman to distrust God’s love, to doubt His wisdom, and to transgress His law, and through her he had caused the overthrow of Adam. PP 57.3

“But the great Lawgiver was about to make known to Adam and Eve the consequences of their transgression. The divine presence was manifested in the garden. In their innocence and holiness they had joyfully welcomed the approach of their Creator; but now they fled in terror, and sought to hide in the deepest recesses of the garden. But “the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard Thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And He said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?”PP 57.4

“Adam could neither deny nor excuse his sin; but instead of manifesting penitence, he endeavored to cast the blame upon his wife, and thus upon God Himself: “The woman whom **Thou gavest** to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.”He who, from love to Eve, had deliberately chosen to forfeit the approval of God, his home in Paradise, and an eternal life of joy, could now, after his fall, endeavor to make his companion, and even the Creator Himself, responsible for the transgression. So terrible is the power of sin. PP 57.5

“When the woman was asked, “What is this that thou hast done?”she answered, “The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.”“Why didst Thou create the serpent? Why didst Thou suffer him to enter Eden?”—these were the questions implied in her excuse for her sin. Thus, like Adam, she charged God

before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will”

1 Thessalonians 5:9,10:“For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him”

Matthew 25:41:“Then shall he say also to them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels”

Therefore it should be understood that Jesus **did not die** for the **Satanic Enmity**, He suffered and died for human sin not for Satan’s sin. Jesus suffered and died as our Substitute and Surety and paid the full debt for all human law transgression.

Satan will have to pay his own debt in full for himself and also for being the **cause** of the sins which the people of God committed; also for the souls he ruined plus **all** evil. Satan’s enmity will cause him to suffer the agony of separation from God ending in annihilation at the end of the millennium. That will be Satan’s first death. Those human beings who reject Christ, and make Satan’s enmity their own, will join Satan in his sufferings at the end of the millennium and pay the debt for their enmity which they cherished and suffer what will be their second death.

SATANIC ENMITY AT WAR WITH DIVINE SELF- SACRIFICING LOVE

The fundamental principle of God’s Government is the principle of *self sacrificing Love*.

“Satan led men into sin, and the plan of redemption was put in operation. For four thousand years, Christ was working for man’s uplifting, and Satan for his ruin and degradation. And the heavenly universe beheld it all. DA 759.3

“In the opening of the great controversy, Satan had declared that the law of God could not be obeyed, that justice was inconsistent with mercy, and that, should the law be broken, it would be impossible for the sinner to be pardoned. Every sin must meet its punishment, urged Satan; and if God should remit the punishment of sin, He would not be a God of truth and justice. When men broke the law of God, and defied His will, Satan exulted. It was proved, he declared, that the law could not be obeyed; man could not be forgiven. Because he, after his rebellion, had been banished from heaven, Satan claimed that the human race must be forever shut out from God’s favor. God could not be just, he urged, and yet show mercy to the sinner. DA 761.4

“But even as a sinner, man was in a different position from that of Satan. Lucifer in heaven had sinned in the ***light of God’s glory.*** To him as to ***no other*** created being was given a revelation of God’s love. ***Understanding the character of God, knowing His goodness, Satan chose to follow his own selfish, independent will. This choice was final. There was no more that God could do to save him.*** But man was deceived; ***his mind was darkened by Satan’s sophistry.*** The height and depth of the love of God he did not know. For him there was hope in a knowledge of God’s love. ***By beholding His character he might be drawn back to God.*** DA 761.5

Ephesians 1: 4, 5:“According as He hath chosen us in Him

with the responsibility of their fall. The spirit of self-justification originated in the father of lies; it was indulged by our first parents as soon as they yielded to the influence of Satan, and has been exhibited by all the sons and daughters of Adam. Instead of humbly confessing their sins, they try to shield themselves by casting the blame upon others, upon circumstances, or upon God—making even His blessings an occasion of murmuring against Him. PP 58.1

“The Lord then passed sentence upon the serpent: “Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.”Since it had been employed as Satan’s medium, the serpent was to share the visitation of divine judgment. From the most beautiful and admired of the creatures of the field, it was to become the most groveling and detested of them all, feared and hated by both man and beast. The words next addressed to the serpent applied directly to Satan himself, pointing forward to his ultimate defeat and destruction: “I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”PP 58.2

“Under the curse of sin all nature was to witness to man of the character and results of rebellion against God. When God made man He made him rule over the earth and all living creatures. So long as Adam remained loyal to Heaven, all nature was in subjection to him. But when he rebelled against the divine law, the inferior creatures were in rebellion against his rule. Thus the Lord, in His great mercy, would show men the sacredness of His law, and lead them, by their own experience, to see the danger of setting it aside, even in the slightest degree.”PP59.4

“And the life of toil and care which was henceforth to be man’s lot was appointed in love. It was a discipline rendered needful by his sin, to place a check upon the indulgence of appetite and passion, to develop habits of self-control. It was a part of God’s great plan of man’s recovery from the ruin and degradation of sin.”PP 60.1

CHAPTER ELEVEN

Satan’s Enmity And The Second Condemnation

The satanic mindset of self-exaltation, selfishness, self-centredness, stubborn resistance, pride and unbelief labels God as a liar, hates God and rejects His law of unselfish Agape Love. This is the *Satanic enmity* which is the cause of human sin. Satan deliberately set up his government to wage war against the principle of Self-sacrificing Agape Love which is the eternal foundation of God’s Government. Satan defiantly and boastfully declared that his principles of government were superior to the principles of God’s Government.

“It was God’s purpose to place things on an eternal basis of security, and in the councils of heaven it was decided that time must be given for Satan to develop the principles which were the foundation of his system of government. **He *had claimed that these were superior to God’s principles. Time was given for the working of Satan’s principles***, that they might be seen by the heavenly universe. DA 759.2

“The **righteousness** by which we are **justified** is **imputed**; the **righteousness** by which we are **sanctified** is **imparted**. The **first** is our **title** to heaven, the **second** is our **fitness** for heaven.”RH June 4, 1895

“So we have **nothing** in ourselves of which to **boast**. **We have no ground for self-exaltation. Our only ground of hope is in the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and in that wrought by His Spirit working in and through us.**” SC 63.1

CHAPTER SEVEN

The Plan Of Redemption

“The fall of man filled all heaven with sorrow. The world that God had made was blighted with the curse of sin and inhabited by beings doomed to misery and death. There appeared no escape for those who had transgressed the law. Angels ceased their songs of praise. Throughout the heavenly courts there was mourning for the ruin that sin had wrought.”PP 63.1

“The Son of God, heaven’s glorious Commander, was touched with pity for the fallen race. His heart was moved with infinite compassion as the woes of the lost world rose up before Him. But divine love had conceived a plan whereby man might be redeemed. **The broken law of God demanded the life of the sinner. In all the universe there was but one who could, in behalf of man, satisfy its claims.** Since the divine law is as sacred as God Himself, only one equal with God could make atonement for its transgression. None but Christ could redeem fallen man from the curse of the law and bring him again into

harmony with Heaven. Christ would take upon Himself the guilt and shame of sin—sin so offensive to a holy God that it must separate the Father and His Son. Christ would reach to the depths of misery to rescue the ruined race. PP 63.2

“Before the Father He pleaded in the sinner’s behalf, while the host of heaven awaited the result with an intensity of interest that words cannot express. Long continued was that mysterious communing—“the counsel of peace”(Zechariah 6:13) for the fallen sons of men.

(The above passage may seem to suggest that there was a considerable time interval between Adam’s sin and Christ’s decision to be Saviour. But let us read this quotation from *The Faith I Live By* page 75:

(“As soon as there was sin there was a Saviour....As soon as Adam sinned, the Son of God presented Himself as Surety for the human race, with just as much power to avert the doom pronounced upon the guilty as when He died on the cross of Calvary”

(And what was the doom pronounced? Let us read from *EGW 1888 Materials Chapter 104*:

(“And the reason that man was not annihilated was because God so loved the world that He made the gift of His own Son that He should suffer the penalty of his transgression. Christ proposed to become man’s surety and substitute, that man, through matchless grace, should have another trial- a second probation.....”)

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surety. But while he is justified because of the merit of Christ, he is not free to work unrighteousness. Faith works by love and purifies the soul. Faith buds and blossoms and bears a harvest of precious fruit. Where faith is, good works appear. The sick are visited, the poor are cared for, the fatherless and the widows are not neglected, the naked are clothed, the destitute are fed. Christ went about doing good, and when men are united with Him, they love the children of God, and meekness and truth guide their footsteps. The expression of the countenance reveals their experience, and men take knowledge of them that they have been with Jesus and learned of Him. Christ and the believer become one, and His beauty of character is revealed in those who are vitally connected with the Source of power and love. Christ is the great depository of justifying righteousness and sanctifying grace.” 1SM 398.1

“All may come to Him, and receive of His fullness. He says, “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”(Matthew 11:28). Then why not cast aside all unbelief and heed the words of Jesus? You want rest; you long for peace. Then say from the heart, “Lord Jesus, I come, because Thou hast given me this invitation.” Believe in Him with steadfast faith, and He will save you. Have you been looking unto Jesus, who is the author and finisher of your faith? Have you been beholding Him who is full of truth and grace? Have you accepted the peace which Christ alone can give? If you have not, then yield to Him, and through His grace seek for a character that will be noble and elevated. Seek for a constant, resolute, cheerful spirit. Feed on Christ, who is the bread of life, and you will manifest His loveliness of character and spirit.” 1SM 398.2

“Those who are justified by faith must have a heart to keep the way of the Lord. It is an evidence that a man is not justified by faith when his works do not correspond to his profession. James says, “Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was his faith made perfect?” (James 2:22).” 1SM 397.2

“The faith that does not produce good works does not justify the soul. “Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only”(James 2:24). “Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness”(Romans 4:3).” 1SM 397.3

“Imputation of the righteousness of Christ comes through justifying faith, and is the justification for which Paul so earnestly contends. He says: “Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.... Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law”(Romans 3:20-31).” 1SM 397.4

“Grace is unmerited favor, and the believer is justified without any merit of his own, without any claim to offer to God. He is justified through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, who stands in the courts of heaven as the sinner’s substitute and

“The plan of salvation had been laid before the creation of the earth; for Christ is “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world”(Revelation 13:8); yet it was a struggle, even with the King of the universe, to yield up His Son to die for the guilty race. But “God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”John 3:16. Oh, the mystery of redemption! the love of God for a world that did not love Him! Who can know the depths of that love which “passeth knowledge”? Through endless ages immortal minds, seeking to comprehend the mystery of that incomprehensible love, will wonder and adore. PP 63.3

“God was to be manifest in Christ, “reconciling the world unto Himself.”2 Corinthians 5:19. Man had become so degraded by sin that it was impossible for him, in himself, to come into harmony with Him whose nature is purity and goodness. But Christ, after having redeemed man from the condemnation of the law, could impart divine power to unite with human effort. Thus by repentance toward God and faith in Christ the fallen children of Adam might once more become “sons of God.”1 John 3:2. PP 64.1

“The plan by which alone man’s salvation could be secured, involved all heaven in its infinite sacrifice. The angels could not rejoice as Christ opened before them the plan of redemption, for they saw that man’s salvation must cost their loved Commander unutterable woe. In grief and wonder they listened to His words as He told them how He must descend from heaven’s purity and peace, its joy and glory and immortal life, and come in contact with the degradation of earth, to endure its sorrow, shame, and death. He was to stand between

the sinner and the penalty of sin; yet few would receive Him as the Son of God. He would leave His high position as the Majesty of heaven, appear upon earth and humble Himself as a man, and by His own experience become acquainted with the sorrows and temptations which man would have to endure. All this would be necessary in order that He might be able to succor them that should be tempted. Hebrews 2:18. When His mission as a teacher should be ended, He must be delivered into the hands of wicked men and be subjected to every insult and torture that Satan could inspire them to inflict. He must die the cruelest of deaths, lifted up between the heavens and the earth as a guilty sinner. He must pass long hours of agony so terrible that angels could not look upon it, but would veil their faces from the sight. ***He must endure anguish of soul, the hiding of His Father's face***, while the guilt of transgression—the ***weight*** of the sins of the ***whole*** world—should be upon Him. PP 64.2

“The angels prostrated themselves at the feet of their Commander and offered to become a sacrifice for man. But an angel's life could not pay the debt; ***only He who created man had power to redeem him***. Yet the angels were to have a part to act in the plan of redemption Christ was to be made “a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death.” Hebrews 2:9. As He should take human nature upon Him, His strength would not be equal to theirs, and they were to minister to Him, to strengthen and soothe Him under His sufferings. They were also to be ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who should be heirs of salvation. Hebrews 1:14. They would guard the subjects of grace from the power of evil angels and from the darkness constantly thrown around them by Satan. PP 64.3

am complete in Him who brings in everlasting righteousness. He presents me to God in the spotless garment of which no thread was woven by any human agent. All is of Christ, and all the glory, honor, and majesty are to be given to the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world.” 1SM 396.1

“Many think that they must wait for a special impulse in order that they may come to Christ; but it is necessary only to come in sincerity of purpose, deciding to accept the offers of mercy and grace that have been extended to us. We are to say: “Christ died to save me. The Lord's desire is that I should be saved, and I will come to Jesus just as I am without delay. I will venture upon the promise. As Christ draws me, I will respond.” The apostle says, “With the heart man believeth unto righteousness”(Romans 10:10). No one can believe with the heart unto righteousness, and obtain justification by faith, while continuing the practice of those things which the Word of God forbids, or while neglecting any known duty. 1SM 396.2

GOOD WORKS THE FRUIT OF FAITH

“Genuine faith will be manifested in good works; for good works are the fruits of faith. As God works in the heart, and man surrenders his will to God, and cooperates with God, he works out in the life what God works in by the Holy Spirit, and there is harmony between the purpose of the heart and the practice of the life. Every sin must be renounced as the hateful thing that crucified the Lord of life and glory, and the believer must have a progressive experience by continually doing the works of Christ. It is by continual surrender of the will, by continual obedience, that the blessing of justification is retained. 1SM 397.1

of Christ. By beholding Jesus we receive a living, expanding principle in the heart, and the Holy Spirit carries on the work, and the believer advances from grace to grace, from strength to strength, from character to character. He conforms to the image of Christ, until in spiritual growth he attains unto the measure of the full stature in Christ Jesus. Thus Christ makes an end of the curse of sin, and sets the believing soul free from its action and effect.” ISM 395.1

“Christ alone is able to do this, for “in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted”(Hebrews 2:17, 18). Reconciliation means that every barrier between the soul and God is removed, and that the sinner realizes what the pardoning love of God means. By reason of the sacrifice made by Christ for fallen men, God can justly pardon the transgressor who accepts the merits of Christ. Christ was the channel through which the mercy, love, and righteousness might flow from the heart of God to the heart of the sinner. “He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”(1 John 1:9).” ISM 395.2

“In the prophecy of Daniel it was recorded of Christ that He shall “make reconciliation for iniquity, and. .. bring in everlasting righteousness”(Daniel 9:24). Every soul may say: “By His perfect obedience He has satisfied the claims of the law, and my only hope is found in looking to Him as my substitute and surety, who obeyed the law perfectly for me. By faith in His merits I am free from the condemnation of the law. He clothes me with His righteousness, which answers all the demands of the law. I

“When the angels should witness the agony and humiliation of their Lord, they would be filled with grief and indignation and would wish to deliver Him from His murderers; but they were not to interpose in order to prevent anything which they should behold. It was a part of the plan of redemption that Christ should suffer the scorn and abuse of wicked men, and He consented to all this when He became the Redeemer of man. PP 65.1

“Christ assured the angels that by His death He would ransom many, and would destroy him who had the power of death. He would recover the kingdom which man had lost by transgression, and the redeemed were to inherit it with Him, and dwell therein forever. Sin and sinners would be blotted out, nevermore to disturb the peace of heaven or earth. He bade the angelic host to be in accord with the plan that His Father had accepted, and rejoice that, through His death, fallen man could be reconciled to God. PP 65.2

“Then joy, inexpressible joy, filled heaven. The glory and blessedness of a world redeemed, outmeasured even the anguish and sacrifice of the Prince of life. Through the celestial courts echoed the first strains of that song which was to ring out above the hills of Bethlehem—“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”Luke 2:14. With a deeper gladness now than in the rapture of the new creation, “the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.”Job 38:7. PP 65.3

“To man the first intimation of redemption was communicated in the sentence pronounced upon Satan in the garden. The Lord declared, “I will put **enmity** between thee and the woman, and

between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”Genesis 3:15. This sentence, uttered in the hearing of our first parents, was to them a promise. While it foretold **war** between man and Satan, it declared that the power of the great adversary **would finally be broken**. Adam and Eve stood as criminals before the righteous Judge, awaiting the sentence which transgression had incurred; but before they heard of the life of toil and sorrow which must be their portion, or of the decree that they must return to dust, they listened to words that could not fail to give them hope. Though they must suffer from the power of their mighty foe, **they could look forward to final victory.**”PP 65.4

“When Satan heard that enmity should exist between himself and the woman, and between his seed and her seed, he knew that his work of depraving human nature would be interrupted; that by some means man would be enabled to resist his power. Yet as the plan of salvation was more fully unfolded, Satan rejoiced with his angels that, having caused man’s fall, he could bring down the Son of God from His exalted position. He declared that his plans had thus far been successful upon the earth, and that when Christ should take upon Himself human nature, He also might be overcome, and thus the redemption of the fallen race might be prevented. PP 66.1

“Heavenly angels more fully opened to our first parents the plan that had been devised for their salvation. Adam and his companion were assured that notwithstanding their great sin, they were not to be abandoned to the control of Satan. The Son of God had offered to atone, with His own life, for their transgression. A period of probation would be granted them, and through repentance and faith in Christ they might again become the children of God. PP 66.2

of yourselves: it is the gift of God”(Ephesians 2:8). [John 1:14-16 quoted.]” 1SM 394.2

THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT

“The Lord would have His people sound in the faith—not ignorant of the great salvation so abundantly provided for them. They are not to look forward, thinking that at some future time a great work is to be done for them; for the work is now complete. The believer is not called upon to make his peace with God; he never has nor ever can do this. **He is to accept Christ as his peace, for with Christ is God and peace. Christ made an end of sin, bearing its heavy curse in His own body on the tree, and He hath taken away the curse from all those who believe in Him as a personal Saviour.** He makes an end of the controlling power of sin in the heart, and the life and character of the believer testify to the genuine character of the grace of Christ. **To those that ask Him, Jesus imparts the Holy Spirit; for it is necessary that every believer should be delivered from pollution, as well as from the curse and condemnation of the law.** Through the work of the Holy Spirit, the sanctification of the truth, the believer becomes fitted for the courts of heaven; for Christ works within us, and His righteousness is upon us. Without this no soul will be entitled to heaven. We would not enjoy heaven unless qualified for its holy atmosphere by the influence of the Spirit and the righteousness of Christ.” 1SM 394.3

“In order to be candidates for heaven we must meet the requirement of the law: “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself”(Luke 10:27). We can do this only as we grasp by faith the righteousness

come into his soul. Christ pardons none but the penitent, but whom He pardons He first makes penitent. The provision made is complete, and the eternal righteousness of Christ is placed to the account of every believing soul. The costly, spotless robe, woven in the loom of heaven, has been provided for the repenting, believing sinner, and he may say: "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness"(Isaiah 61:10). 1SM 393.3

"Abundant grace has been provided that the believing soul may be kept free from sin; for all heaven, with its limitless resources, has been placed at our command. We are to draw from the well of salvation. Christ is the end of law for righteousness to everyone who believeth. In ourselves we are sinners; but in Christ we are righteous. Having made us righteous through the imputed righteousness of Christ, God pronounces us just, and treats us as just. He looks upon us as His dear children. Christ works against the power of sin, and where sin abounded, grace much more abounds. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into human grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God"(Romans 5:1, 2)." 1SM 394.1

"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus"(Romans 3:24-26). "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not

"The sacrifice demanded by their transgression revealed to Adam and Eve the sacred character of the law of God; and they saw, as they had never seen before, the guilt of sin and its dire results. In their remorse and anguish they pleaded that the penalty might not fall upon Him whose love had been the source of all their joy; rather let it descend upon them and their posterity."PP 66.3

"They were told that since the law of Jehovah is the foundation of His government in heaven as well as upon the earth, even the life of an angel could not be accepted as a sacrifice for its transgression. Not one of its precepts could be abrogated or changed to meet man in his fallen condition; ***but the Son of God, who had created man, could make an atonement for him.*** As Adam's transgression had brought wretchedness and death, so the sacrifice of Christ would bring life and immortality. PP 66.4

"Not only man but the earth had by sin come under the power of the wicked one, and was to be restored by the plan of redemption. At his creation Adam was placed in dominion over the earth. But by yielding to temptation, he was brought under the power of Satan. "Of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage."2 Peter 2:19. When man became Satan's captive, the dominion which he held, passed to his conqueror. Thus Satan became "the god of this world."2 Corinthians 4:4. He had usurped that dominion over the earth which had been originally given to Adam. But Christ, by His sacrifice paying the penalty of sin, would not only redeem man, but recover the dominion which he had forfeited. All that was lost by the first Adam will be restored by the second. Says the prophet, "O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter

of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion.”Micah 4:8. And the apostle Paul points forward to the “redemption of the purchased possession.”Ephesians 1:14. God created the earth to be the abode of holy, happy beings. The Lord “formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited.”Isaiah 45:18. That purpose will be fulfilled, when, renewed by the power of God, and freed from sin and sorrow, it shall become the eternal abode of the redeemed. “The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever.”“And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him.”Psalm 37:29; Revelation 22:3. PP 67.1

“Adam, in his innocence, had enjoyed open communion with his Maker; but sin brought separation between God and man, and the atonement of Christ alone could span the abyss and make possible the communication of blessing or salvation from heaven to earth. Man was still cut off from direct approach to his Creator, but God would communicate with him through Christ and angels. PP 67.2

“Thus were revealed to Adam important events in the history of mankind, from the time when the divine sentence was pronounced in Eden, to the Flood, and onward to the first advent of the Son of God. He was shown that while the sacrifice of Christ would be of sufficient value to save the whole world, many would choose a life of sin rather than of repentance and obedience. Crime would increase through successive generations, and the curse of sin would rest more and more heavily upon the human race, upon the beasts, and upon the earth. The days of man would be shortened by his own course of sin; he would deteriorate in physical stature and endurance

“Although as sinners we are under the condemnation of the law, yet Christ by His obedience rendered to the law, claims for the repentant soul the merit of His own righteousness. In order to obtain the righteousness of Christ, it is necessary for the sinner to know what that repentance is which works a radical change of mind and spirit and action. The work of transformation must begin in the heart, and manifest its power through every faculty of the being; but man is not capable of originating such a repentance as this, and can experience it alone through Christ, who ascended up on high, led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men”. 1SM 393.1

“Who is desirous of becoming truly repentant? What must he do?—He must come to Jesus, just as he is, without delay. He must believe that the word of Christ is true, and, believing the promise, ask, that he may receive. When sincere desire prompts men to pray, they will not pray in vain. The Lord will fulfill His word, and will give the Holy Spirit to lead to repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. He will pray and watch, and put away his sins, making manifest his sincerity by the vigor of his endeavor to obey the commandments of God. With prayer he will mingle faith, and not only believe in but obey the precepts of the law. He will announce himself as on Christ’s side of the question. He will renounce all habits and associations that tend to draw the heart from God.” 1SM 393.2

“He who would become a child of God must receive the truth that repentance and forgiveness are to be obtained through nothing less than the atonement of Christ. Assured of this the sinner must put forth an effort in harmony with the work done for him, and with unwearied entreaty he must supplicate the throne of grace, that the renovating power of God may

make confession unto salvation. Those who are justified by faith will make confession of Christ. “He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life”(John 5:24). The great work that is wrought for the sinner who is spotted and stained by evil is the work of justification. By Him who speaketh truth he is declared righteous. ***The Lord imputes unto the believer the righteousness of Christ and pronounces him righteous before the universe. He transfers his sins to Jesus, the sinner’s representative, substitute, and surety. Upon Christ He lays the iniquity of every soul that believeth. “He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him”***(2 Corinthians 5:21). 1SM 392.2

Let us insert this quotation from RH Sept 3,1889

“The ***thought*** that the ***righteousness of Christ is imputed to us, not because of any merit on our part, but as a free gift from God, seemed a precious thought. The enemy of man and God is not willing that this truth should be clearly presented; for he knows that if the people receive it fully, his power will be broken***”RH Sept.3, 1889. (Back now to 1SM)

“Christ made satisfaction for the guilt of the whole world, and all who will come to God in faith, will receive the righteousness of Christ, “who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed”(1 Peter 2:24). ***Our sin has been expiated, put away, cast into the depths of the sea. Through repentance and faith we are rid of sin, and look unto the Lord our righteousness. Jesus suffered, the just for the unjust.***” 1SM 392.3

and in moral and intellectual power, until the world would be filled with misery of every type. Through the indulgence of appetite and passion men would become incapable of appreciating the great truths of the plan of redemption. Yet Christ, true to the purpose for which He left heaven, would continue His interest in men, and still invite them to hide their weakness and deficiencies in Him. He would supply the needs of all who would come unto Him in faith. And there would ever be a few who would preserve the knowledge of God and would remain unsullied amid the prevailing iniquity. PP 67.3

“The sacrificial offerings were ordained by God to be to man a perpetual reminder and a penitential acknowledgment of his sin and a confession of his faith in the promised Redeemer. They were intended to impress upon the fallen race the solemn truth that it was ***sin that caused death. To Adam, the offering of the first sacrifice was a most painful ceremony. His hand must be raised to take life, which only God could 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. As he slew the innocent victim, he trembled at the thought that his sin must shed the blood of the spotless Lamb of God. This scene gave him a deeper and more vivid sense of the greatness of his transgression, ***which nothing but the death of God’s dear Son could expiate.*** And he marveled at the infinite goodness that would give such a ransom to save the guilty. A star of hope illumined the dark and terrible future and relieved it of its utter desolation.”PP 68.1

CHAPTER EIGHT

The Mind of Christ Jesus

Philippians 2:5-8

“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!”NIV

“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.”NLT

“The faith that is unto salvation is not a casual faith, it is not the mere consent of the intellect, it is ***belief rooted in the heart***, that embraces Christ as a personal Saviour, assured that He can save unto the uttermost all that come unto God by Him. To believe that He will save others, but will not save you is not genuine faith; ***but when the soul lays hold upon Christ as the only hope of salvation, then genuine faith is manifested***. This faith leads its possessor to place all the affections of the soul upon Christ; his understanding is under the control of the ***Holy Spirit, and his character is molded after the divine likeness. His faith is not a dead faith, but a faith that works by love, and leads him to behold the beauty of Christ, and to become assimilated to the divine character***. [Deuteronomy 30:11-14 quoted.] “And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live”(Deuteronomy 30:6).” 1SM 391.3

“It is God that circumcises the heart. The whole work is the Lord’s from the beginning to the end. The perishing sinner may say: “I am a lost sinner; but Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost. He says, ‘I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance’ (Mark 2:17). ***I am a sinner, and He died upon Calvary’s cross to save me, I need not remain a moment longer unsaved. He died and rose again for my justification, and He will save me now. I accept the forgiveness He has promised.***” 1SM 392.1

IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS

“Christ is a risen Saviour; for, though He was dead, He has risen again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us. We are to believe with the heart unto righteousness, and with the mouth

back to the fold by the shepherd. **No man of himself can repent, and make himself worthy of the blessing of justification.** The Lord Jesus is constantly seeking to impress the sinner's mind and attract him to behold Himself, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world. We **cannot** take a step toward spiritual life save as Jesus draws and strengthens the soul, and leads us to experience that repentance which needeth not to be repented of." 1SM 390.2

"When before the high priests and Sadducees, Peter clearly presented the **fact that repentance is the gift of God.** Speaking of Christ, he said, "Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, **for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins**"(Acts 5:31). **Repentance is no less the gift of God than are pardon and justification, and it cannot be experienced except as it is given to the soul by Christ. If we are drawn to Christ, it is through His power and virtue. The grace of contrition comes through Him, and from Him comes justification. 1SM 391.1**

THE MEANING OF FAITH

"Paul writes: "But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus,** and shalt **believe in thine heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, **thou shalt be saved.** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation"(Romans 10:6-10). 1SM 391.2

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." **If you strive in all humility to understand what is the mind of Christ, you will not be left in darkness.** Jesus says, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."(John8:12) "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent."(John17:3). "But let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord"(Jeremiah 9:24) YI October 13, 1892.

LINGUISTICS.

The Greek word translated *mind* in Phil.2:5 is *phroneite* from *phroneo*. In order to find out what Paul meant when He used that word, we can examine a few Bible texts.

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, (*phroneo*), live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."2Cor.13:11KJV

"Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded (*phroneo*): and if in anything ye be otherwise minded(*phroneo*), God shall reveal even this unto you"Philippians 3:15 KJV

"All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view(*phroneo*) of things. And if on some point you think(*phroneo*) differently, that too God will make clear to you."Phil.3:15 NIV

"Set your affection(*phroneo*) on things above, not on things on the earth."Colossians 3:2 KJV

*“Set your minds(**phroneo**) on things above, not on earthly things.” Colossians 3:2 NIV.*

These examples should help us to realize that what we think the English word **mind** means to us in a Pauline text, may not be exactly what the Apostle meant when He used the Greek word **phroneo** almost two thousand years ago. Linguistic scholars tell us that **phroneo** means thoughts, thinking, mindset, attitude, purposes, inclination concerning a particular matter or problem, or in general.

In scripture, **phroneo** (usually translated **mind**) and **kardia** (translated **heart**) have the **same meaning: thoughts, mindset, affections, inner-motivation, deep conviction.** All referring to *thinking and thoughts in their various dimensions.*

JESUS EXPLAINS IN MATTHEW 11: 29

*“Take My yoke upon you, and learn of me, **for I am meek and lowly in heart**: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.”*

*“**Meek and lowly in heart**”!! **that is the phroneo of Jesus: the mindset of Jesus: the mind of Jesus: the Character of Jesus!***

THE PRE-INCARNATE MIND OF CHRIST

The thought-pattern, the attitude, the mindset of the Son of God was to give up His Divine Prerogatives as God, empty Himself, (empty:Greek word **knosis** which means to empty something of its contents) and become a man (the second Adam) in order to redeem humanity. In heaven, as the Son of God, *this way of thinking was the way of thinking of the infinite, eternal mind of unselfish, self-sacrificing Agape Love!*

sanctify the soul and transform the character. “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified”(Romans 8:29, 30). Calling and justification are not one and the same thing. **Calling is the drawing of the sinner to Christ, and it is a work wrought by the Holy Spirit** upon the heart, convicting of sin, and inviting to repentance. 1SM 389.2

THE FIRST STEPS

“Many are confused as to what constitutes the **first steps** in the work of (individual) salvation. Repentance is thought to be a work the sinner must do for himself in order that he may come to Christ. They think that the sinner must procure for himself a fitness in order to obtain the blessing of God’s grace. But while it is true that repentance must precede forgiveness, for it is only the broken and contrite heart that is acceptable to God, **yet the sinner cannot bring himself to repentance, or prepare himself to come to Christ. Except the sinner repent, he cannot be forgiven; but the question to be decided is as to whether repentance is the work of the sinner or the gift of Christ. Must the sinner wait until he is filled with remorse for his sin before he can come to Christ? The very first step to Christ is taken through the drawing of the Spirit of God; as man responds to this drawing, he advances toward Christ in order that he may repent.** 1SM 390.1

“The sinner is represented as a lost sheep, and a lost sheep never returns to the fold unless he is sought after and brought

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”Ephesians 2:8-10

“When God pardons the sinner, remits the punishment he deserves, and treats him as though he had not sinned, He receives him into divine favor, and justifies him through the merits of Christ's righteousness. The sinner can be justified only through faith in the atonement made through God's dear Son, who became a sacrifice for the sins of the guilty world. No one can be justified by any works of his own. He can be delivered from the guilt of sin, from the condemnation of the law, from the penalty of transgression, only by virtue of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ. Faith is the only condition upon which justification can be obtained, and faith includes not only belief but trust”. 1SM 389.1

GENUINE FAITH OR NOMINAL FAITH

“Many have a nominal faith in Christ, but they know nothing of that **vital dependence** upon Him which **appropriates** the merits of a crucified and risen Saviour. Of this nominal faith James says: “Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? (James 2:19, 20). Many concede that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world, but at the same time they hold themselves away from Him, and fail to repent of their sins, fail to accept of Jesus as their personal Saviour. Their faith is simply the assent of the mind and judgment to the truth; but the truth is not brought into the heart, that it might

THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION.

In the incarnation the eternal Word became flesh, God and man became one person, Jesus, and He would have to live as a man, not using His own Divinity, but completely dependent on His Heavenly Father.

When the Son of God became human *the same mindset He had in heaven as God would now have to be developed and matured in His human thinking, His human thought- pattern, His human mind as man!* How this would be accomplished would be the **very core** of the Plan of Redemption and a marvelous **mystery** to the Universe!

THE TWO ADAMS

The first Adam had been made an adult man with unfallen, sinless human flesh and brain and innocent thinking (mind-function) containing the Holy Spirit and with freedom of choice. He, the first Adam, **chose** to disobey God and were it not for Plan of Redemption, humanity would have been annihilated. Humanity was given a second chance and would survive physically with sinful fallen flesh. Human nature would continue to deteriorate over the centuries.

In the incarnation the Son of God took on our sinful fallen flesh as it had deteriorated over the 4000 years after the Fall. (Hebrews 2: 14- 17; Romans 1: 3; Romans 8:3)

“For four thousand years the race had been decreasing in **physical strength**, in mental power, and in **moral worth**; and Christ took upon Him the infirmities of degenerate humanity. **Only thus** could He rescue man from the lowest **depths** of his **degradation**”DA117

BORN A HUMAN BABY

Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary; he was born a human baby. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born *filled with the Holy Spirit*.

Nevertheless, like any human newborn, the development of the capacity and ability to think, to understand, to learn to talk His parents' language, to develop the ability to choose right from wrong, all would develop gradually in proportion to the growth and maturing of His human brain allowing His human mind-function to develop. Let us read Isaiah 7: 14-16

“Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good. For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.”KJV

“Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted.”ESV

Before the infant Jesus “knew how to refuse the evil and choose the good”the Holy Spirit kept His childish human thinking (human mind) sinless. (But remember God does not reckon sin against a child who hasn't reached the stage of knowing right from wrong) As Jesus grew and reached even the minimum threshold where He began

Chapter 10

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH

In Chapter 9 we studied the *objective Gospel of corporate legal justification of humanity* which was accomplished by Jesus for all mankind. That is what AT Jones described as studying the gospel from the side of the *Two Adams*.

We now want to study the Gospel from the side of the *individual* human response to the objective Gospel. This is called the *subjective Gospel* or *individual salvation* which includes *individual justification by faith, sanctification and, ultimately, glorification!*

“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.”Gal.2:16

yield to the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Those who believe are ***individually justified by faith*** and ***born again*** and ***transformed*** from rebellion and disobedience to submission and love-motivated ***obedience*** by the free gift of Christ's Righteousness. Hallelujah!!

to know “how to refuse the evil and choose the good” He had to choose to keep His *thoughts*, *His thinking* (=His *human mind*) surrendered to His Heavenly Father through the Holy Spirit.

THE CRITICAL FACTORS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHRIST'S HUMAN MIND AS A CHILD (SEE DESIRE OF AGES CHAPTER 7)

His mother Mary prayed for Him and taught Him to pray. She read the Holy Scriptures for Him and, as He grew, read them with Him until He could read for Himself. Thereafter He would pray and read and intensely study the Scriptures daily. At the same time He studied God's creation (plants and animals) with deep earnestness to learn more of His Father's Love and Character. Through all this praying and studying of the Scriptures and Nature, the Holy Spirit through Angels guided His *thoughts (mind)*, and as He chose to keep His *thoughts (mind)* submitted to His Heavenly Father, His human mind, not only was kept sinless, it also progressively matured in wisdom. Luke wrote:

“And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon Him” Luke 2: 40

“The powers of mind and body developed gradually, in keeping with the laws of childhood.” DA 68.2

“Thus, to Jesus the significance of the word and the works of God was unfolded, as He was trying to understand the reason of things. Heavenly beings were His attendants, and the culture of holy thoughts and communings was His. From the first dawning of intelligence, He was constantly growing in spiritual grace and knowledge of truth. DA 70.3

“Every child may gain knowledge as Jesus did. As we try to become acquainted with our heavenly Father through His word, angels will draw near, our minds will be strengthened, our characters will be elevated and refined. We shall become more like our Saviour. And as we behold the beautiful and grand in nature, our affections go out after God. While the spirit is awed, the soul is invigorated by coming in contact with the Infinite through His works. Communion with God through prayer develops the mental and moral faculties, and the spiritual powers strengthen as we cultivate thoughts upon spiritual things.”DA 70.4

“The life of Jesus was a life in harmony with God. While He was a child, He thought and spoke as a child; but no trace of sin marred the image of God within Him. Yet He was not exempt from temptation. The inhabitants of Nazareth were proverbial for their wickedness. The low estimate in which they were generally held is shown by Nathanael’s question, “Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?” John 1:46. Jesus was placed where His character would be tested. It was necessary for Him to be constantly on guard in order to preserve His purity. He was subject to all the conflicts which we have to meet, that He might be an example to us in childhood, youth, and manhood. DA 71.1

LEARNING OBEDIENCE BY THE THINGS HE SUFFERED

Every temptation from the flesh, the world and directly from Satan, caused suffering to His sinlessly developing mind as He kept His *thoughts* surrendered to His Father in spite of all the pressure of temptation and irritation from others. The Apostle Paul expressed it clearly in Hebrews 5: 7- 9

“When Christ uttered the cry, “It is finished,”he knew that the battle was won. As a moral conqueror, he planted his banner on the eternal heights. Was there not joy among the angels? Not a son nor a daughter of Adam but could now lay hold on the merits of the spotless Son of God, and say: “Christ has died for me. He is my Saviour. The blood that speaketh better things than that of Abel has been shed. The way into the holiest of all has been made manifest.”

“God bowed his head satisfied. Now justice and mercy could blend. Now he could be just, and yet the Justifier of all who should believe on Christ. He looked upon the victim expiring on the cross, and said, “It is finished. The human race shall have another trial.” ***The redemption price was paid, and Satan fell like lightning from heaven.”***RH June 21, 1900

“For every human being, Christ has paid the election price. No one need be lost. All have been redeemed. To those who receive Christ as a personal Saviour will be given power to become the sons and daughters of God. An eternal life insurance policy has been provided for all.” 7BC 944.2

“Whom God elects, Christ redeems. ***The Saviour has paid the redemption price for every soul.*** We are not our own; for we are bought with a price. From the Redeemer, who from the foundation of the world has chosen us, we receive the insurance policy that entitles us to eternal life”(Letter 53, 1904). 7BC 944

This is the true Gospel that we are called to believe, experience and to preach. It reveals the wonderful Love and Goodness of God that will give faith and repentance to those who choose to

the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause He is the Mediator of the new testament, that by means of death. .. they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.”

“Jesus is our Advocate, our High Priest, our Intercessor. Our position is like that of the Israelites on the day of Atonement. When the high priest entered the most holy place, representing the place where our High Priest is now pleading, and sprinkled the atoning blood upon the mercy seat, no propitiatory sacrifices were offered without. While the priest was interceding with God, every heart was to be bowed in contrition, pleading for the pardon of transgression.”

“Type met antitype in the death of Christ, the Lamb slain for the sins of the world. ***Our great High Priest has made the only sacrifice that is of any value in our salvation. When He offered Himself on the cross, a perfect atonement was made for the sins of the people***. We are now standing in the outer court, waiting and looking for that blessed hope, the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. No sacrifices are to be offered without, for the great High Priest is performing His work in the most holy place. In His intercession as our advocate, Christ needs no man’s virtue, no man’s intercession. ***He is the only sin-bearer, the only sin-offering***. Prayer and confession are to be offered only to Him who has entered once for all into the most holy place. ***He will save to the uttermost all who come to Him in faith. He ever liveth to make intercession for us***.”ST June 28. 1899

“⁷. Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

“⁸ Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

“⁹ And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;”

“Satan was unwearied in his efforts to overcome the Child of Nazareth. From His earliest years Jesus was guarded by heavenly angels, yet His life was one long struggle against the powers of darkness. That there should be upon the earth one life free from the defilement of evil was an offense and a perplexity to the prince of darkness. He left no means untried to ensnare Jesus. No child of humanity will ever be called to live a holy life amid so fierce a conflict with temptation as was our Saviour.” DA 71.2

THREE STAGES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MIND OF JESUS

“Yet through ***childhood, youth, and manhood***, Jesus walked alone. In His purity and His faithfulness, He trod the wine press alone, and of the people there was none with Him. He carried the awful weight of responsibility for the salvation of men”DA 92.2

“At a very early age, Jesus had begun to act for Himself in the formation of His character, and not even respect and love for His parents ***could turn Him from obedience to God’s word***”DA 86

Jesus was severely attacked by Satan in all those stages. We remember the temptations in the Wilderness.

***“By what means did He overcome in the conflict with Satan?
By the word of God. Only by the word could He resist
temptation”DA123***

At all stages He learned obedience ***by the things He suffered*** until ***...being made perfect, He became the Author of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him*** Hebrews 5:7-9.

“When Jesus came into the world, Satan’s power was turned against Him. From the time when He appeared as a babe in Bethlehem, the usurper worked to bring about His destruction. In every possible way he sought to prevent Jesus from developing a perfect ***childhood***, a faultless ***manhood***, a holy ***ministry***, and an unblemished ***sacrifice***. But he was defeated.”DA 759.4

The most severe testing was in the Gethsemane/ Calvary experience which brought the ***ultimate maturity*** and ***victory*** of the ***mind*** and ***faith*** of Jesus for all the Universe to behold!

CONCLUSION

The mind (***thought pattern, attitude, thinking***) of Christ as the Son of God in Heaven before His incarnation was infinite eternal mind which needed no development and could not have been tempted. That same ***thought pattern*** in order to become the ***thought pattern (mind)*** of the man Christ Jesus had to be developed and tested in His human thinking processes to produce sinless victorious human ***thoughts /mind***.

Remember, Satan had gotten Adam, who had sinless flesh and brain and an innocent thought pattern, to develop ***sinful thinking / mind!***

“The Priests and rulers had set themselves up as judges to condemn Christ’s work, but He declared Himself their judge, and the judge of all the earth. ***The world has been committed to Christ, and through Him has come every blessing from God to the fallen race. He was the Redeemer before as after His incarnation. As soon as there was sin, there was a Saviour. He has given light and life to all, and according to the measure of light given, each is to be judged. And He who has given the light, He who has followed the soul with tenderest entreaty, seeking to win it from sin to holiness, is in One its advocate and judge. From the opening of the great controversy in heaven, Satan has maintained his cause through deception; and Christ has been working to unveil his schemes and to break his power. It is He who has encountered the deceiver, and who through all the ages has been seeking to wrest the captives from his grasp, who will pass judgment upon every soul.***” DA 210.2

JESUS OUR ONLY SIN- BEARER, OUR ONLY SIN OFFERING

“...but now ***once*** in the end of the world hath He appeared to ***put away*** sin by the ***sacrifice of Himself***”Hebrews 9: 26

“But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God”Hebrews 10:12

ST June 28, 1899: “And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”“For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus.” “For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through

who accept Christ as Saviour are also in Christ *experientially*. Those who have not yet accepted Him as Saviour are not yet in Christ *experientially*. Both groups still have **probationary time** to fix their minds. When probationary time would have ended, the judgment will declare whether a person closed his/her probation ***experientially in Christ*** or ***out of Christ***. (We have told people. That they are either ‘*in Christ or in Adam*’, such a term should no longer be used in the light of the full gospel)

Let us read EGW 1888 Materials Chapter 104

“Man broke God’s law, and through the Redeemer new and fresh promises were made on a different basis. All blessings must come through a Mediator. Now every member of the human family is given wholly into the hands of Christ, and whatever we possess—whether it is the gift of money, of houses, of lands, of reasoning powers, of physical strength, of intellectual talents—in this present life, and the blessings of the future life, are placed in our possession as God’s treasures to be faithfully expended for the benefit of man. Every gift is stamped with the cross and bears the image and superscription of Jesus Christ. All things come of God. From the smallest benefits up to the largest blessing, all flow through the one Channel—a superhuman mediation sprinkled with the blood that is of value beyond estimate because it was the life of God in His Son. 6LtMs, Ms 36, 1890, par. 13

Let also us read DA 21:

In order to reverse and overcome that Satanic achievement, God would have had to send a Second Adam, Christ Jesus, in sinful flesh with sinful brain, and get Jesus, by free choice, by the word of God and constant surrender to The Father, to develop *mature victorious sinless human thoughts = sinless human thinking = the mind of the Man Christ Jesus, in order to redeem humanity, to be our example and to be the Author and Finisher of our faith and to defeat Satan! Hallelujah!!*

CHAPTER NINE

THE ADAMIC CONDEMNATION AND ITS ACQUITTAL BY JESUS

ROMANS 1: 16, 17 NIV

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,^[a] just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”^[b]

“God designs that the plan of redemption shall come to His people as the latter rain, for they are fast losing their connection with God. They are trusting in man and glorifying man, and their strength is proportionate to the strength of their dependence**We are to know more than we do at the present time.** We are to **comprehend** the **deep things** of God...”¹ MR# 54, May 11th, 1899 page 196.

In the **Gospel** are found the *deep* things of God!!

When on January 1st 1863, USA President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Declaration, *all slaves in the USA immediately became legally free*, whether they knew it or not, *or*, whether they believed it or not. Those who didn't hear or didn't believe that they were legally free remained in *experiential* slavery on the plantations, though *legally* free. Similarly those who do *not* believe in Christ are *experientially* in slavery to sin though legally free because “*with His own blood He signed the emancipation papers of the race*”^{MH89}. Those who genuinely believe in Christ are delivered from experiential condemnation, in addition to already being legally free! For that reason the Apostle Paul exclaims :

*“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus,”*Romans 8:1

Neither **legal** nor **experiential** condemnation!

The evidence for experiential deliverance is clearly stated in the same verse

“who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

As we shall see in a subsequent chapter, those who reject Christ will commit themselves to a second condemnation in the final judgment.

CORRECTING A TRADITIONAL TERM

We come now to a matter of clarification. The moment the First Adam sinned he ceased to be our Representative man, he and all mankind needed Christ to be our Saviour and our new Representative Man. Adam chose to accept Christ and died in Christ awaiting the first resurrection. We now have *only* One Representative Man, Jesus. All men are *legally* in free Christ. Those

*liberality and love performed for Christ's sake. We are assured by the Lord that his poor will always be among us, and we may at any time express our gratitude for his goodness to us by being thoughtful and liberal to them."*RH March 11, 1884

*"Those who are saved will be saved because Jesus has paid the full debt; and man can do nothing, absolutely nothing to merit salvation"*ST Nov.10; 1890

*"Justice demands that sin be not only pardoned, but the death penalty be executed. God in the gift of His only-begotten Son, met both these requirements. By dying in man's stead, Christ exhausted the penalty and provided a pardon"*1 SM 340.

REMEMBER WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE FOR ALL MANKIND

1. He paid our debt in full
2. He exhausted the penalty for all our sins
3. He fully satisfied Divine Justice for all our sins
4. He bought back (=legally redeemed) all men
5. He granted to all men corporate legal pardon (charizomai)
6. He is our only sin-bearer
7. He is our only sin-offering

AN IMPORTANT POINT

"But the emancipation papers of the race have been signed by the blood of the Son of God." YI June 28, 1900

"With His own blood He has signed the emancipation papers of the race." MH 89.3

GOING BACK TO THE BEGINNING

God created each angel individually and dealt with each angel individually according to that angel's choice. There are also vast numbers of inhabited worlds and systems in God's Universe (Hebrews 1)

Our planet Earth with its Solar System was created last of all in the universe, (after Satan's rebellion and departure from Heaven) and is the smallest world in the Universe!

"This world is but a little atom in the vast domain over which God presides."— TM 324. (Reprinted from Sp. Test., Series A, No. 8, 1897.)

Human beings were the last of God's created intelligences and were created in such a way, by infinite Wisdom, so as to facilitate the Plan of Redemption which would be centred on this planet and in humanity.

"God did **not** ordain that sin should exist, but He **foresaw** its existence, and **made provision** to meet the **terrible emergency**." DA22.

Infinite Wisdom made humanity capable of sexual reproduction. God created Adam, Eve was formed from Adam and thereafter all other individual humans would be born by marriage between male and female by sexual reproduction, all originating from the initial Representative Man, Adam. Adam was given free choice and would have to exercise **Representative Choice** before any offspring would be born. A choice to obey God and **not** eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil or obey Satan and eat the forbidden fruit. Whichever choice Adam made he would be making it for all

mankind, and all mankind would have that choice in him. ***And the individual human being would experience the consequences of Adam's choice by being physically born.***

God intended for Adam to choose to obey and remain loyal to His Kingdom and had Adam done so, all individual humans born through reproduction would have been born with sinless human nature, into a sinless perfect world ***not*** by their individual choice but by Adam's Representative Choice, a sinless human race to numerically replace the fallen angels!

Unfortunately Adam chose to disobey God, he thereby rejected God's Government of unselfish Agape Love. The Satanic ***enmity*** (which is the cause of human sin) was accepted by Adam. We explained in Chapter Ten, that whereas Satan, his fallen angels and the Satanic enmity were all unpardonable and irredeemable, God The Father, His Son through the eternal Spirit had devised a plan from eternity past for the redemption of lost humanity.

Since God had decided to deal with humanity through a Representative man, and since the first Representative man had failed, God had to find a new Representative Man, a Second Adam

THE TWO ADAMS

Let us read 1 Corinthians 15:45- 49 ESV

*"Thus it is written, "The **first man Adam** became a living being";^[a] the **last Adam** became a **life-giving spirit**.⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual.⁴⁷ The **first man** was from the **earth**, a **man of dust**; the **second man is from heaven**.⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall^[b] also bear the image of the man of heaven."*

"When Adam's sin plunged the race into hopeless misery, God might have cut Himself loose from fallen beings. He might have treated them as sinners deserve to be treated. He might have commanded the angels of heaven to pour out upon our world the vials of His wrath. He might have removed this dark blot from His universe. ***But He did not do this. Instead of banishing them from His presence, He came still nearer to the fallen race. He gave His Son to become bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh***".... AG 176.4

"The gift of God to man is beyond all computation. Nothing was withheld. God would not permit it to be said that He could have done more or revealed to humanity a greater measure of love. In the gift of Christ He gave all heaven." AG 176.5

"He planted the cross between heaven and earth, and when the Father beheld the sacrifice of His Son, He bowed before it in recognition of its perfection. 'It is enough,' He said. 'The atonement is complete'"RH Sept 24, 1901

ONLY VAGUELY COMPREHENDED

"Those who have professed to love Christ, have not comprehended the relation which exists between them and God, and it is still but dimly outlined to their understanding. They but vaguely comprehend the amazing grace of God in giving His only-begotten Son for the salvation of the world."AG 176.6

"We are all debtors to divine justice, and we have nothing to pay; but Jesus so pitied us that he paid the debt. He became poor, that through his poverty we might be made rich; and we should prove the sincerity of our gratitude by works of

“All men have been **bought** with this **infinite price**. By **pouring** the **whole treasury** of heaven into this world, **by giving us in Christ all heaven, God has purchased the will, the affections, the mind, the soul, of every human being. Whether believers or unbelievers, all men are the Lord’s property.** All are called to do service for Him, and for the manner in which they have met this claim, all will be required to render an account at the great **judgment day**. COL 326.1

“The world does not acknowledge that, at an infinite cost, **Christ has purchased the human race**. They do not acknowledge that by creation and by redemption **He holds a just claim to every human being**. But as the Redeemer of the fallen race, **He has been given the deed of possession, which entitles Him to claim them as His property.**”—Letter 136, 1902. 7ABC 466.3

CORPORATE LEGAL JUSTIFICATION AND PARDON FOR ALL MANKIND

At the Cross Jesus endured and exhausted the full penalty of all human law transgression and therefore humanity was granted full legal pardon and corporate legal justification. Since the efficacy of His sacrifice extended back to the foundation of the world, *it means that before any of Adam’s offspring was born, all had been condemned by the first Adam, and all had been legally pardoned, legally bought back, legally justified by the Second Adam’s (Christ’s) infinite sacrifice!* The Greek word for this corporate legal pardon is *Charizomai* in Colossians 2: 13.

This is the amazing Good News, the Objective Gospel, that reveals the *unfathomable* Love of the Deity for Adam’s lost race. Listen to this SOP quotation:

This Second Adam had to choose for the entire human race, for all mankind. *And the individual believer would experience the glorious benefits of The Second Adam’s choice by spiritual birth!* But whereas individual *physical* birth occurs *without* the individual’s choice, *individual spiritual birth must be by the free choice of the believer exercising the gift of the faith of Jesus!*

THE ADAMIC CONDEMNATION

Question : What did the first Adam’s choice do for all mankind?

Answer: Romans 5:18 (first part) : *Therefore by the offense of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation.*

The Greek word translated *condemnation* is *katakrima* and is the same word Paul uses in Romans 8: 1, the meaning of this word *katakrima* is *eternal damnation*.

EGW 1888 MATERIALS CHAPTER 104:

“This was the position of the human race after man divorced himself from God by transgression. Then he was no longer entitled to a breath of air, a ray of sunshine, or a particle of food. **And the reason why man was not annihilated was because God so loved him that He made the gift of His dear Son that He should suffer the penalty of his transgression. Christ proposed to become man’s surety and substitute, that man, through matchless grace, should have another trial—a second probation**—having the experience of Adam and Eve as a warning not to transgress God’s law as they did. And inasmuch as man enjoys the blessings of God in the gift of the sunshine and the gift of food, there must be on the part of man a bowing before God in thankful acknowledgement that all things come of God. Whatever is rendered back to Him is only His own who has given it.”6LTMs, Ms 36, 1890, par. 12

ACQUITTAL FROM THE ADAMIC CONDEMNATION

Question: *What did the Second Adam's choice do for all mankind?*

Answer: *Even so by the righteousness of One(Christ), the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. Romans 5:18 (last part)*

“..for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.” Romans 3:23, 24 NIV

Christ acquitted the whole human race from the Adamic Condemnation, and saved humanity from the instant annihilation that hung over Adam's lost race. Let the following SOP quotations sink into our minds:

1. “He took in His grasp the world over which Satan claimed to preside as his lawful territory, and by His wonderful work in giving His life, ***He restored the whole race of men to favor with God.*** The songs of triumph echoed and re-echoed through the worlds. Angel and archangel, cherubim and seraphim, sang the triumphant song at the ***amazing*** achievement.”—Manuscript 50, 1900. 7ABC 485.1
2. “The instant man accepted the temptations of Satan, and did the very things God had said he should not do, Christ, the Son of God, stood between the living and the dead, saying, “***Let the punishment fall on Me.*** I will stand in man's place. He shall have another chance.”[FLB 757ABC
3. “As soon as there was sin, there was a Saviour. Christ

knew that He would have to suffer, yet He became man's substitute. *As soon as Adam sinned, the Son of God presented Himself as surety for the human race, with just as much power to avert the doom pronounced upon the guilty as when He died upon the cross of Calvary.*”[FLB 75.4]

SOLD OUT, BOUGHT BACK

*“For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for naught; and ye shall be redeemed without money”*Isaiah 52:3 KJV

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 1 Peter1:18-20 KJV

*“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, **not counting people's sins against them.** And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ **God made him who had no sin to be sin^a for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**”2 Cor.5: 18 - 21 KJV*

“He has endured the pressure of Adam's guilt, and the guilt of his posterity, and has come off more than conqueror of the powers of evil”**DA 598**