

GREETINGS

HI

WELCOME

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GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, **because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.**

Rev. 12:12





And that, *knowing*  
*the time*, that now it  
is high time to awake  
out of sleep: *for now*  
*is our salvation*  
*nearer than when*  
*we believed.*

Rom. 13:11

*A great work* is to be done in our world in a short time, and we must study to understand and appreciate, more than we have in past years.

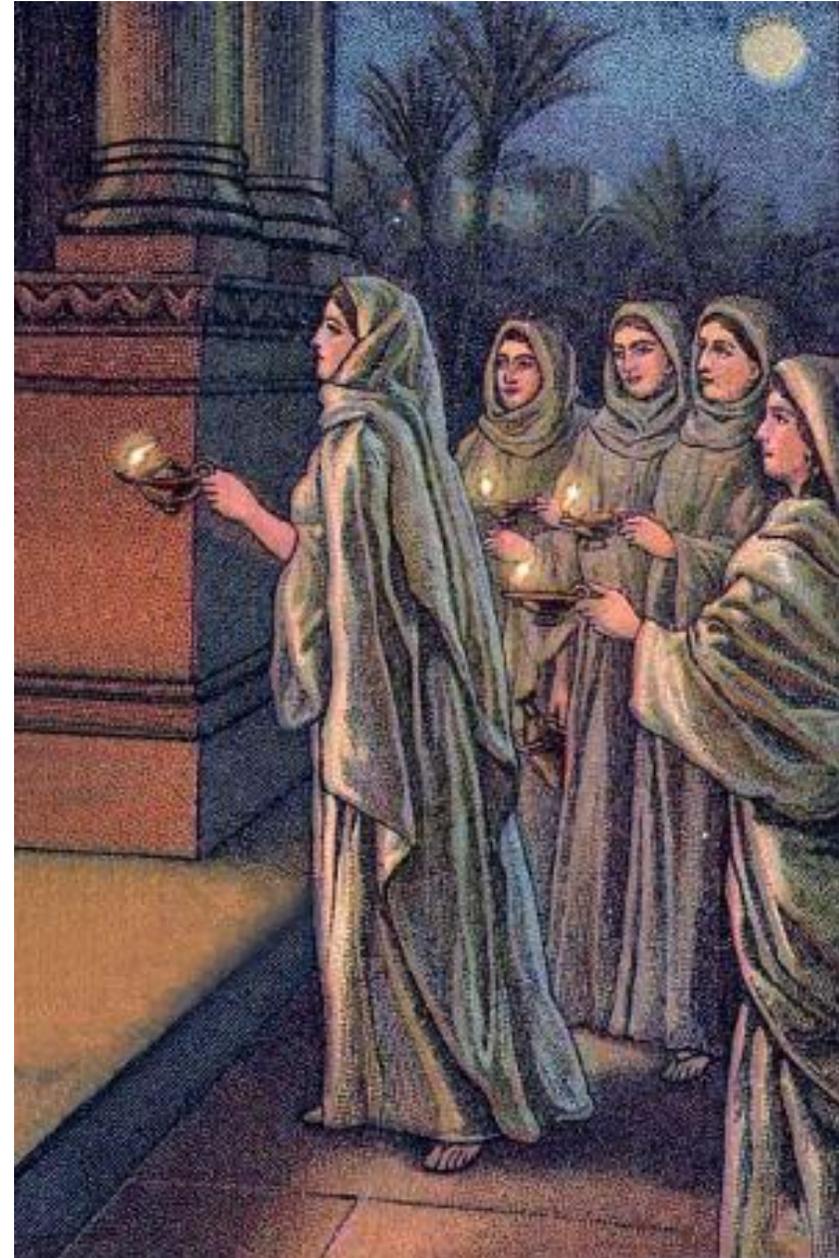


**Then** all those virgins arose,  
and *trimmed their lamps*.

Matt. 25:7

**Trim** [ trim ] *verb (used with object), trimmed, trim·ing*  
to put into a neat or orderly condition by  
clipping, paring, pruning, etc.:

**Proof** [ proof ] *noun*  
evidence sufficient to establish a thing as  
true, or to produce belief in its truth.



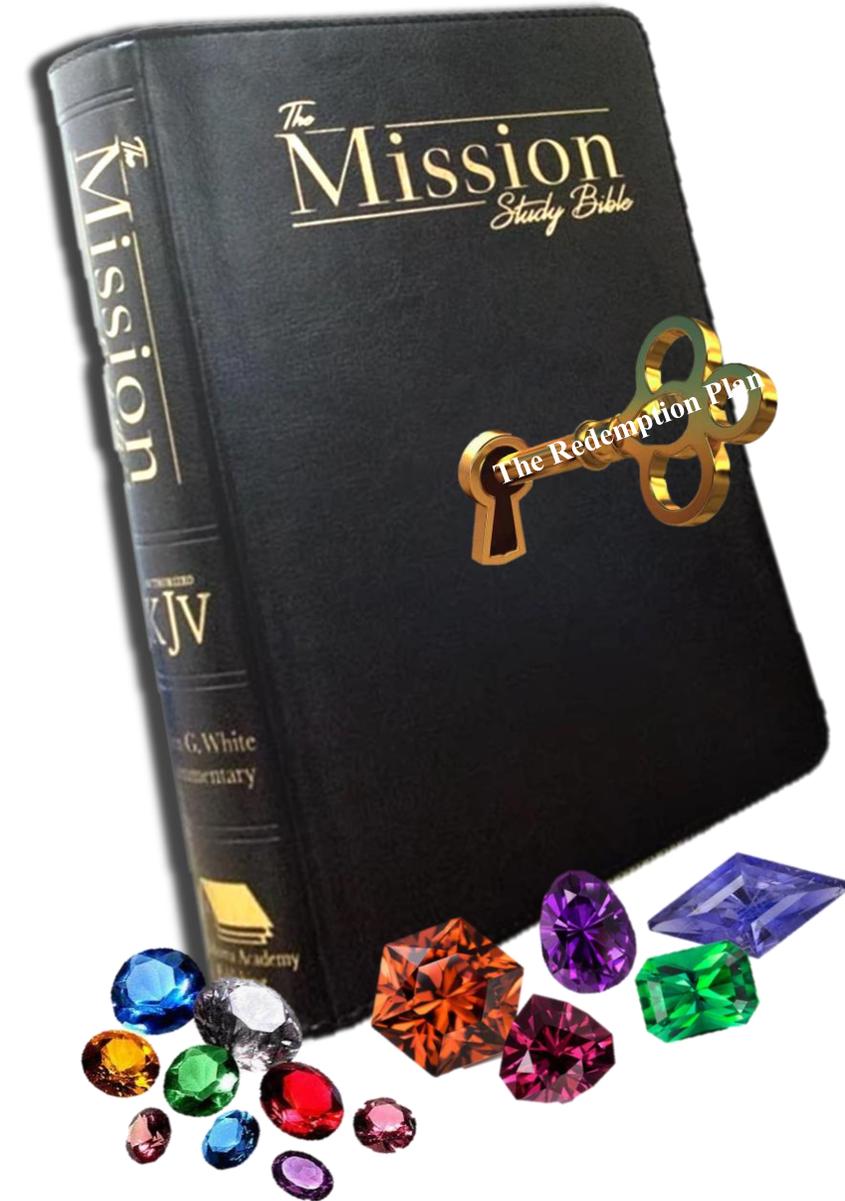
## Recipe For Studying God's Word



Isa. 28:9, 10, & 13

*It is too late in the day to feed with milk.* If souls a month or two old in the truth, who are about to enter the time of trouble such as never was, cannot hear all the straight truth, or endure *the strong meat of the straightness of the way,* how will they stand in the day of battle? Truths that we have been years learning must be learned in a few months by those who now embrace the Third Angel's Message. We had to search and wait the opening of truth, receiving a ray of light here and a ray there, laboring and pleading for God to reveal truth to us. But now the truth is plain; its rays are brought together. The blazing light of truth when it is presented as it should be can be now seen and brought to bear upon the heart.

# Gems of Truth

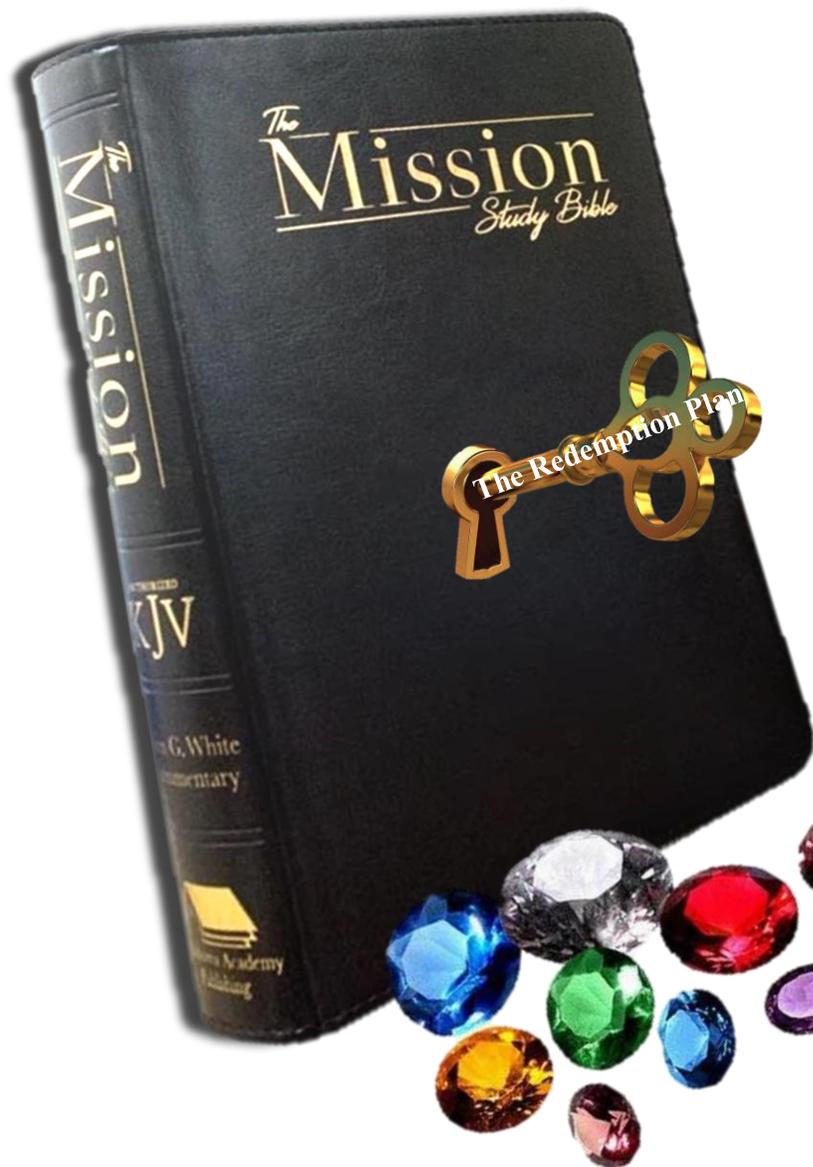


The *central theme of the Bible*, the theme about which every other in the whole book clusters, *is the redemption plan, the RESToration in the human soul of the image of God*. From the first intimation of hope in the sentence pronounced in Eden to that last glorious promise of the Revelation, “They shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads” (Revelation 22:4), *the burden of every book and every passage of the Bible is the unfolding of this wondrous theme*,—man's uplifting,—the power of God, “which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:57.



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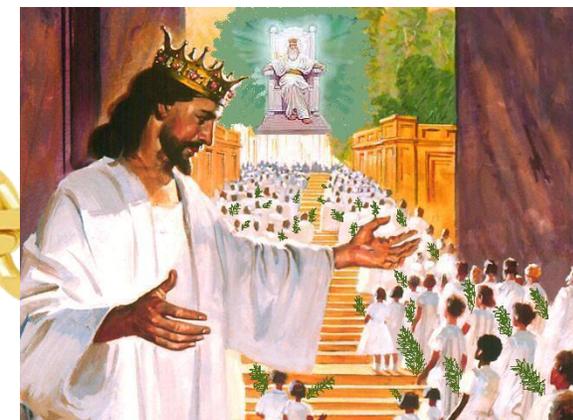
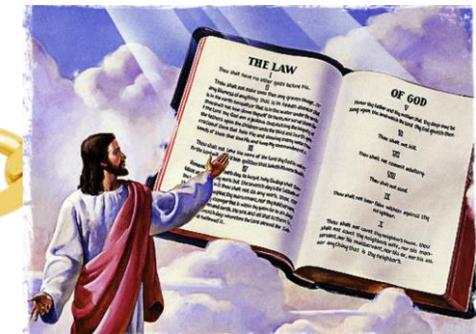
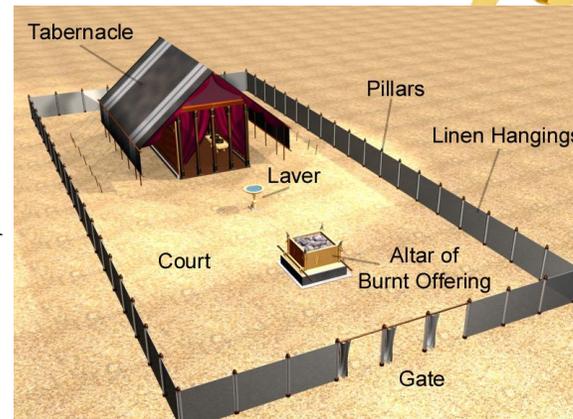
*He who grasps this thought has before him an infinite field for study. He has the key that will unlock to him the whole treasure house of God's word. {Ed, p. 126}*



But such subjects as the sanctuary, in connection with the 2300 days, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, are perfectly calculated to

- (1) explain the past Advent movement
- (2) show what our present position is,
- (3) establish the faith of the doubting,
- (4) give certainty to the glorious future.

*principal: first in order of importance; main*



These, I have frequently seen, were the principal subjects on which the messengers should dwell. (EW 63)

# The Center of Christ's Atoning Work—

The subject of the sanctuary and the investigative judgment should be clearly understood by the people of God. All need a knowledge for themselves of the position and work of their great High Priest.

**WARNING!!!! - *Otherwise, it will be impossible for them to exercise the faith which is essential at this time, or to occupy the position which God designs them to fill.***

Every individual has a soul to save or to lose. Each has a case pending at the bar of God. Each must meet the great Judge face to face. How important, then, that every mind contemplate often the solemn scene when the judgment shall sit and the books shall be opened, when, with Daniel, every individual must stand in his lot, at the end of the days.



***Oct. 22, 1844***  
***176 yrs.***



LET'S DIG  
INTO THIS  
STUDY  
GUIDE



The ten commandments, Thou shalt, and Thou shalt not, are ten promises, assured to us if we render obedience to the law governing the universe. “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” Here is the sum and substance of the law of God. The terms of salvation for every son and daughter of Adam are here outlined (Manuscript 41, 1896).

*The Lord has given His holy commandments to be a wall of protection around His created beings,* and those who will keep themselves from the defilement of appetite and passion may become partakers of the divine nature.

The first four are pertaining to man's relationship to God



and the last six are pertaining to man's relationship with each other. (John 14:15 & 21; John 15:14)

The precepts of the Decalogue are adapted to all mankind, and they were given for the instruction and government of all. Ten precepts, brief, comprehensive, and authoritative, cover the duty of man to God and to his fellowman; and all [are] based upon the great fundamental principle of love. {1MCP 248}

1<sup>st</sup>

*This command promises to protect us from “false god worship/Idolatry” in our minds. God vows to be our God as long as we are obedient to His commands, statutes, and judgments.*

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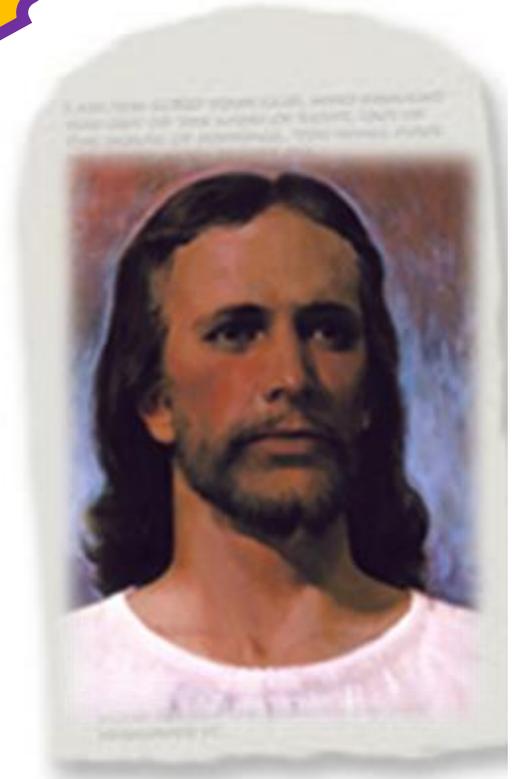
3<sup>rd</sup>

*This command promises to protect us from misrepresenting Christ with our words.*

4<sup>th</sup>

*This command promises to protect us from the “mark of the beast.” **It is a sign (or seal) between God and His worshippers.***

REVIEW



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5<sup>th</sup>

*This command promises to protect the children if they honor and respect their elders as God's representatives. **It a promise with a promise.***

6<sup>th</sup>

*This command promises to teach us how to not harm our brethren physically as well as how to not harm our brethren's spiritual soul, which is their character.*

REVIEW



The last six are pertaining to man's relationship with each other.

7<sup>th</sup>

## Commandment

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Ex. 20:14



This commandment forbids not only *acts of impurity*, but sensual thoughts and desires, or any practice that tends to excite them. God's law demands purity not only in the outward life but in the secret intents and emotions of the heart.

Christ, who taught the far-reaching obligation of the law of God, declared that the evil thought or look is as truly sin as is the unlawful deed. {Beginning of the

End, p. 149}

***impurity:*** containing something unclean : foul; lewd, unchaste

You (Husband) have a wife, and you are bound to her by the law of God.



“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: but I (Jesus) say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart... It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: but I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery” (Matthew 5:27-32).

{Testimonies on Sexual Behavior, Adultery, and Divorce 201}



# Jesus Corrected Misconceptions of Marriage



Among the Jews a man was permitted to put away his wife for the most trivial offenses, and the woman was then at liberty to marry again. This practice led to great wretchedness and sin. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus declared plainly that there could be no dissolution of the marriage tie except for unfaithfulness to the marriage vow. “Every one,” He said, “that putteth away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, maketh her an adulteress: and whosoever shall marry her when she is put away committeth adultery.” [AH 340.3](#)

When the Pharisees afterward questioned Him concerning the lawfulness of divorce, Jesus pointed His hearers back to the marriage institution as ordained at creation. “Because of the hardness of your hearts,” He said, Moses “suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.” He referred them to the blessed days of Eden when God pronounced all things “very good.” Then marriage and the Sabbath had their origin, twin institutions for the glory of God in the benefit of humanity. Then, as the Creator joined the hands of the holy pair in wedlock, saying, A man shall “leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one,” He enunciated the law of marriage for all the children of Adam to the close of time. That which the eternal Father Himself had pronounced good was the law of highest blessing and development for man. [AH 340.4](#)





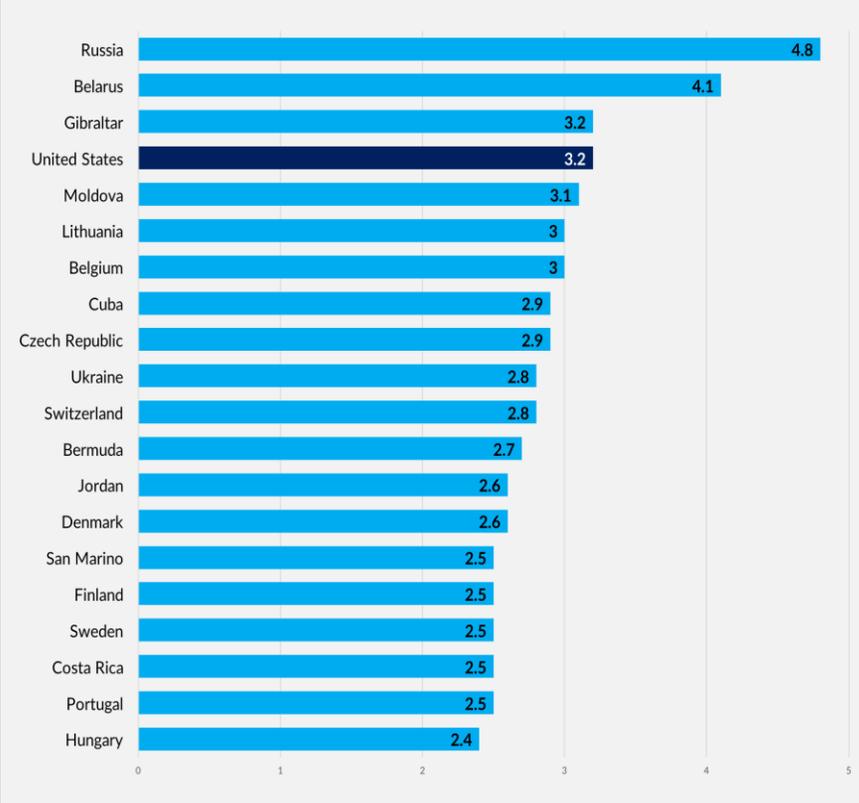
Jesus came to our world to rectify mistakes and to restore the moral image of God in man. Wrong sentiments in regard to marriage had found a place in the minds of the teachers of Israel. They were making of none effect the sacred institution of marriage. Man was becoming so hardhearted that he would for the most trivial excuse separate from his wife, or, if he chose, he would separate her from the children and send her away. This was considered a great disgrace and was often accompanied by the most acute suffering on the part of the discarded one. [AH 341.1](#)

Christ came to correct these evils, and His first miracle was wrought on the occasion of the marriage. Thus He announced to the world that marriage when kept pure and undefiled is a sacred institution. [AH 341.2](#)





Countries with the Highest Crude Divorce Rate



- Almost 50 percent of all marriages in the United States will end in divorce or separation.
- Researchers estimate that 41 percent of all first marriages end in divorce.
- 60 percent of second marriages end in divorce.
- 73 percent of all third marriages end in divorce.
- The United States has the 6th highest divorce rate in the world
- Every 13 seconds, there is one divorce in America.
- That equates to 277 divorces per hour, 6,646 divorces per day, 46,523 divorces per week, and 2,419,196 divorces per year.
- There are 9 divorces in the time it takes for a couple to recite their wedding vows (2 minutes).
- More than 554 divorces occur during your typical romantic comedy movie (2 hours).
- 1,385 divorces happen during the average wedding reception (5 hours).
- There are 19,353,568 divorces over the course of an average first marriage that ends in divorce (8 years).
- Over a 40 year period, 67 percent of first marriages terminate.
- Among all Americans 18 years of age or older, whether they have been married or not, 25 percent have gone through a marital split.
- 15 percent of adult women in the United States are divorced or separated today, compared with less than one percent in 1920.
- The average first marriage that ends in divorce lasts about 8 years.

# Satan Seeks to Pervert the Marriage Institution



It was Satan's studied effort [in the antediluvian age] to pervert the marriage institution, to weaken its obligations and lessen its sacredness; for in no surer way could he deface the image of God in man and open the door to misery and vice. Satan well knows the material with which he has to deal in the human heart.

He knows—for he has studied with fiendish intensity for thousands of years—the points most easily assailed in every character; and through successive generations he has wrought to overthrow the strongest men, princes in Israel, by the same temptations that were so successful at Baal-peor. All along through the ages there are strewn wrecks of character that have been stranded upon the rocks of *sensual indulgence*. AH 326.2



Polygamy Marriage



Same Sex Marriage



Polygamy was practiced at an early date. It was one of the sins that brought the wrath of God upon the antediluvian world. Yet after the Flood it again became widespread. It was Satan's studied effort to pervert the marriage institution, to weaken its obligations and lessen its sacredness; for in no surer way could he deface the image of God in man and open the door to misery and vice. {PP 338}



While Jesus is teaching, there are pleasure-boats upon the water, and it is evident to all that the idlers who occupy them are disreputable characters. The listening people expect Jesus to severely denounce this class, but are surprised when he declares: “Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery. But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.” Those who have looked upon the guilty characters who lead lives of sensual dissipation as sinners above all others, are astonished to hear Jesus assert that those who cherish lascivious thoughts are as guilty at heart as the shameless violators of the seventh commandment.

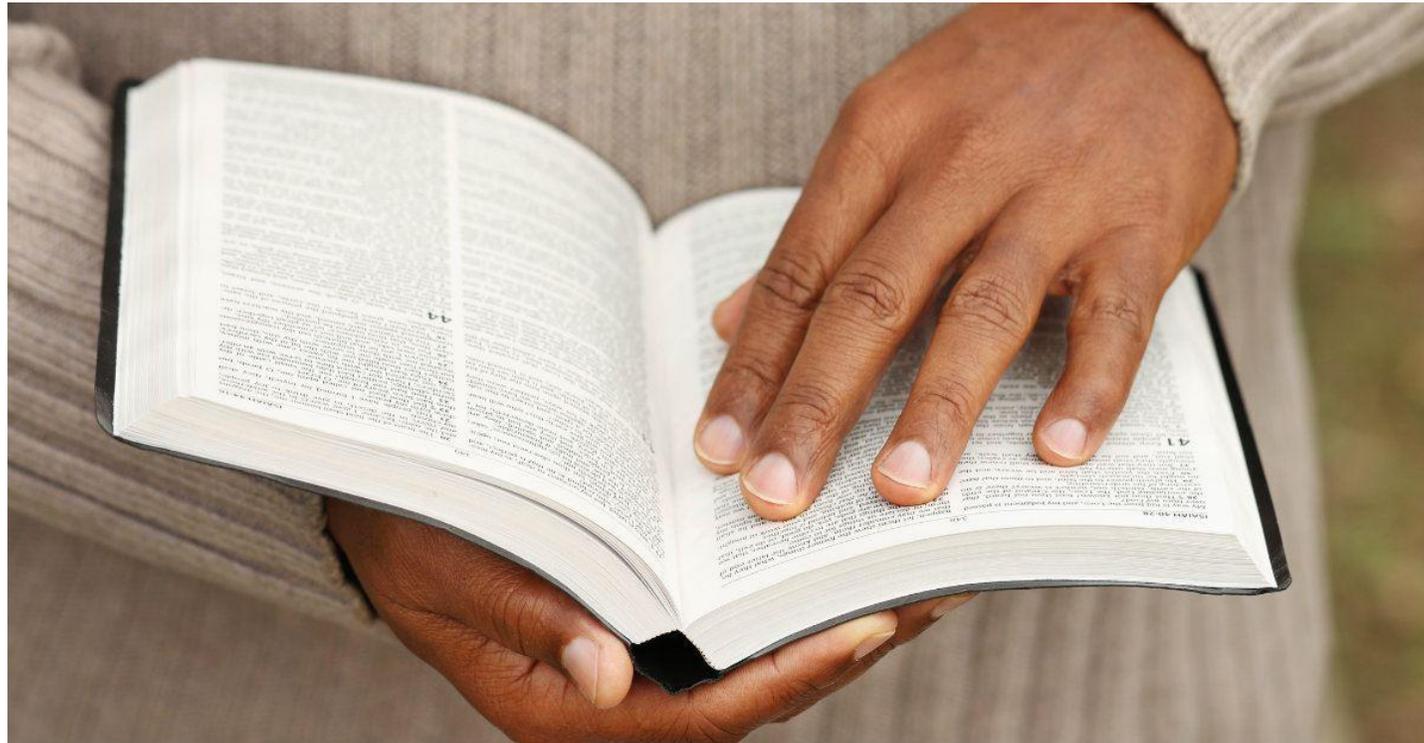
Jesus condemned the custom then existing of a man putting away his wife for trivial offenses. This practice led to great wretchedness and crime. Jesus strikes at the primary cause of the laxness with which the marriage relation was held, when he condemns the unholy passions which find the marriage institution a barrier to the gratification of their lust. *Christ would have the marriage relation hedged about with judicial restrictions, so that there could be no legal separation between husband and wife, save for the cause of adultery.*

{2SP 221}



## *Scripture Reading: Eph. 5:22-33*

(1) What did you get from this passage of scripture? And, (2) what is the burden of this passage of scripture?





## **God the Husband of His Church—**

God is the husband of His church. The church is the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Every true believer is a part of the body of Christ. Christ regards unfaithfulness shown to Him by His people as the unfaithfulness of a wife to her husband. We are to remember that we are members of Christ's body.

**7BC 985.9**



## Conduct

**Befitting the Bride of a King—**  
The church is the bride, the Lamb's wife. She should keep herself pure, sanctified, holy. Never should she indulge in any foolishness; for she is the bride of a King. Yet she does not realize her exalted position. If she understood this, she would be all-glorious within. [7BC 986.1](#)

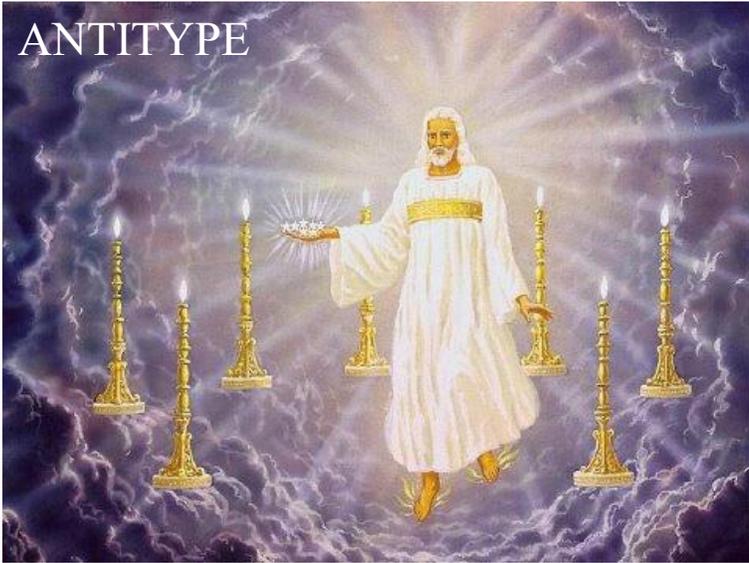
## **Clean Garments—**

The church is the bride of Christ, and her members are to yoke up with their Leader. God warns us not to defile our garments.

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**“Only One Source of Light”**



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Christ “loved the church, and gave himself for it.” It is the purchase of His blood. The divine Son of God is seen walking amid the seven golden candlesticks. Jesus Himself supplies the oil to these burning lamps. He it is that kindles the flame. “In him was life; and the life was the light of men.” [6BC 1118.7](#)

No candlestick, no church, shines of itself. From Christ emanates all its light. The church in heaven today is only the complement of the church on earth; but it is higher, grander—perfect. The same divine illumination is to continue through eternal ages. The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the light thereof. No church can have light if it fails to diffuse the glory it receives from the throne of God. [6BC 1118.8](#)

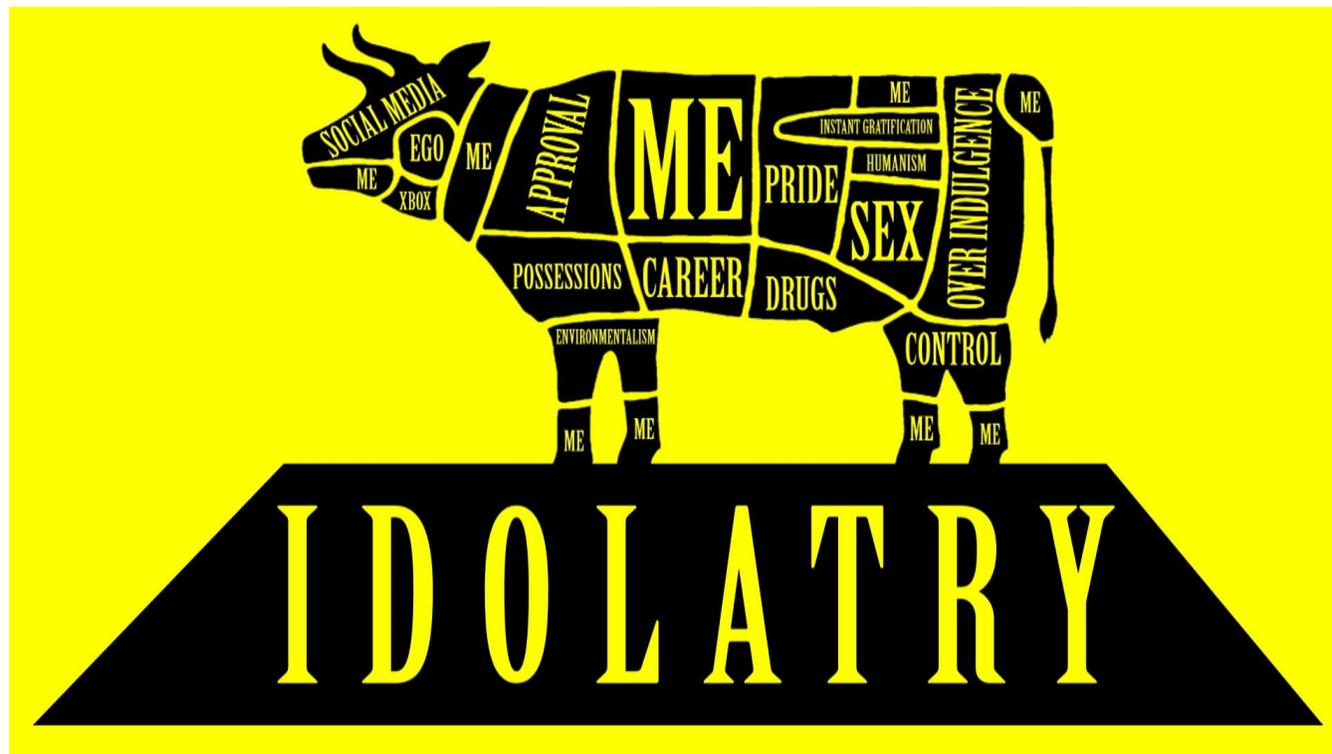
## The Case Which Contains His Jewels—

The church of Christ is very precious in His sight. It is the case which contains His jewels, the fold which encloses His flock. [6BC 1118.9](#)

## Reaching the Condition of Sinlessness—

Those only who through faith in Christ obey all of God's commandments will reach the condition of sinlessness in which Adam lived before his transgression. They testify to their love of Christ by obeying all His precepts. [6BC 1118.10](#)





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

{1BC 1106}



## *Unfaithfulness of the church to Christ*

in allowing worldly things to occupy the soul is likened to violation of the marriage vow.

The sin of Israel in departing from the Lord is presented under this figure. {HF 237}

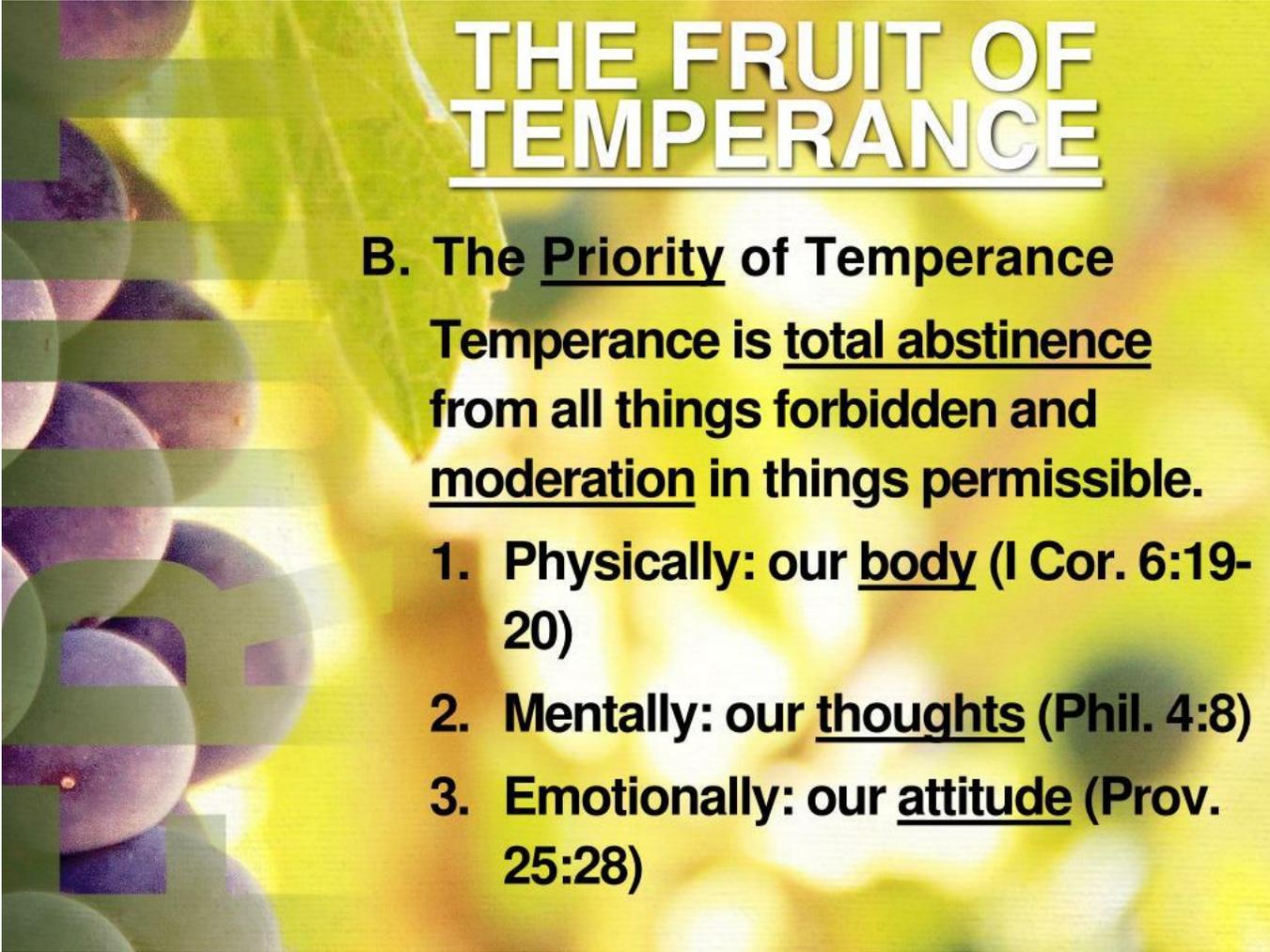


The word of God plainly presents before us this truth, that our physical natures will be brought into warfare with the spiritual.

The apostle charges us to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul. **Every perverted appetite becomes a warring lust.**

Appetite indulged to the injury of physical strength causes disease of the soul. The lust which the apostle mentions is not confined to the violation of the seventh commandment, but every indulgence of the taste which lessens physical vigor is a warring lust.





# THE FRUIT OF TEMPERANCE

## B. The Priority of Temperance

Temperance is total abstinence from all things forbidden and moderation in things permissible.

1. Physically: our body (I Cor. 6:19-20)
2. Mentally: our thoughts (Phil. 4:8)
3. Emotionally: our attitude (Prov. 25:28)

The apostle declares that he who would gain special victories and make higher attainments in righteousness *must be*

*“temperate in all things.”*

Temperance in eating and drinking at our tables, as well as the exercise of temperance in every other respect, is essential if we would overcome as Christ overcame. *God has given us*

*light, not to be treated indifferently, but to be our guide and help.* 4T 215.1

# TEMPERANCE PLEDGE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, need to cultivate self-control. The lesson I should have learned in my youth should be mastered now. I need to discipline myself to die to self, to bring my will in subjection to the will of Christ. A deep and thorough conversion is essential, or I will fail of eternal life. My service in the cause of God must be more hearty, full, and thorough. I cannot perfect a Christian character by serving God when I feel inclined to do so and neglecting it when I please. A decided change must take place in my life, and I must obtain a different experience from any I have yet had, or my service will not be accepted of God. [4T 215.2](#)



**7<sup>th</sup> Commandment**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Ex. 20:14

*This command promises to preserve the pure and sacred union of marriage between a husband and wife.*

*This union is to mirror the relationship of Christ and His people.*

*(Eph. 5: 22-33)*

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Heb. 9:11



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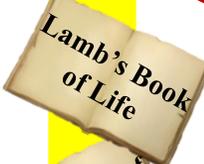
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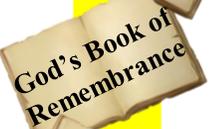
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Rev. 20:12



Mal. 3:16



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Rev 14:7 & 12

- Identifies the Law of God
- Identifies the Judgment
- Identifies True Worship (Victory Over Sin)
- Identifies True Worshipers (the Remnant)
- Identifies God's Prophet (Spirit of Prophecy written by Ellen G. White)



H A R V E S T I M E

**"militant Remnant church"**

TWO CLASSES

Wheat & Tares Growing Together – Matt. 13:24-30

5 Wise & 5 Foolish Virgins – Matt. 25:2



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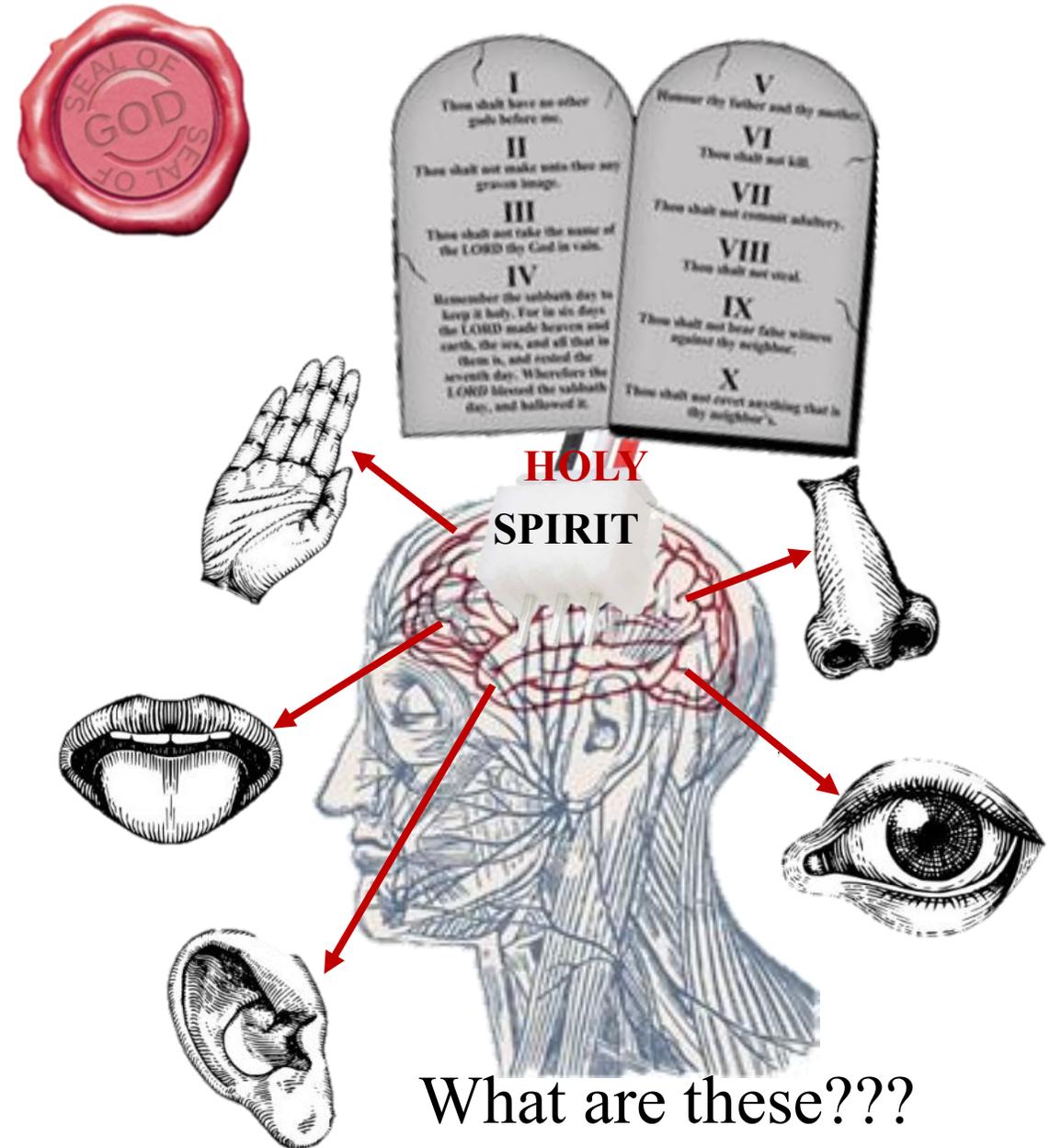
We rightly stress love as an essential Christian virtue, but in our present state we need to develop hate as much as love. *No man is safe who has not learned to hate sin.* A man may resist and even abstain from sin without hating it. It simply does not appeal to him, and is no temptation. Other phases of sin may appeal to him; but knowing it is sin, he refuses to countenance it. Such a man is to be commended for his resistance, but he cannot be said to be safe. Not until he has learned to hate sin, not only be indifferent to it, is he really safe. The man who hankers after sin, who finds it alluring or interesting, has not yet attained to Christ's standard. *He must learn to hate sin as well as to love righteousness.* Book of Hebrews, p. 68



Every relation in life, every position of responsibility, every affection and habit, every emotion of the mind, is to be brought to the great standard of righteousness, *the commandments of God*, which are exceeding broad. We must have simplicity of heart that we may understand, and willingness of mind to practise, all the teachings of God's word. .

*Christ came to make us "partakers of the divine nature," and His life declares that humanity, combined with divinity, does not commit sin.*

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Rev 14:7 & 12

**VICTORY  
OVER SIN**

Christ is coming the second time,  
with power unto salvation.

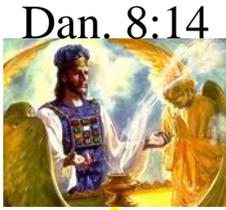
To prepare human beings for this  
event (?), He has sent the first,  
second, and third angels'  
messages. (?)

These angels represent those who  
receive the truth (?), and with  
power (?) open the gospel  
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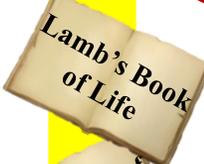
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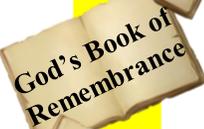
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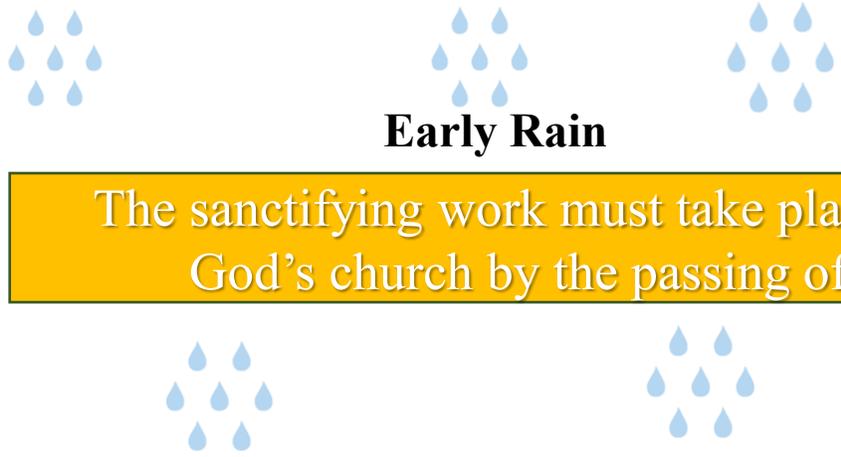
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# Homework

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Exodus 20:15

