The Good News of the Judgment

Lesson 3, The Sanctuary, April 20-26, 2019

Sabbath Afternoon - April 23

Memory Text:

"Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." KJV — Revelation 14:7

Though it is the opening work of our ministry and of the opening text of the ministry of Christ upon earth, yet the "investigative judgment" is one of the least understood and most mystified and confused Bible subjects of the Word. Many Christians, even some Seventh-day Adventists, have not been exposed every possible effort to energize it in darkness. Imperative, then, is the overwhelming need to proclaim the Judgment, in its proper perspective, and to beseech God for the guidance of His Spirit in order rightly to represent the Judgment to the people of God, and to warn the people of God of the dangers that the Devil has in store for them, in the Judgment. "If any man," says Jesus, "will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God," John 7:17.

Sunday - April 21

The Significance of the Judgment

What does the "everlasting gospel" have to do with the Judgment?

"To Millerites and his coadjutors it was given to preach the warning in America. This country became the center of the great proclamation of the warning. It was in this country that the angel's message had its most direct application. The work of the Millerites was ordained of God and carried to distinct, definite, and decisive results. It was generated in all the world, were sent the glad tidings of the Second Advent of Christ, and the Judgment, and the Sabbath of the Lord, and the hour of the Judgment is come." DC 368.1

"Everywhere the searching testimony was heard, warning the people of the coming of the Lord and of the hour of the Judgment. Thousands were aroused to inquiry. As the forerunner of Christ, the preachers laid the ax at the root of the tree, and many were led to repent and bring forth fruits meet for repentance. The warning was given to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, and in every place there were those who were prepared to receive it. The message was given, it moved the people. The simple, direct, unpretentious preaching of the Word was attended with the Holy Spirit, power, and weight of conviction which has been able ever since to restore. Professed Christians of every denomination, Jews, and Gentiles, were aroused to inquiry, and were established, under their pride and selfishness, to receive the truth. Many who had been deceived by the Adventists, the Millerites, had not lost their faith in the work they now field upon heaven. The Spirit of God rested upon them, and they were prepared to receive the truth and joined to sound the cry. Your God, my brethren, is with you for the hour of His judgment is come." DC 369.3

Monday - April 22

God's Mercy and Judgment

Read Revelation 20:11. How are we judged? What relationship do our works have to our salvation?

The Greek "work" and "great," who do not rise in the first resurrection, "shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years." Rev. 20:4, 6. Christ, before God, and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." Rev. 20:12.

Zech 3:1-4 - "And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused your iniquity to pass from you, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment."

The first prize by Satan's power is Christ, the high priest, the highest official in the church. He has not the garments of the priesthood, but he is clothed with the robe of a prisoner, and he is in the presence of the angel, and he, head, not at the feet, and that before one is given the right to use the power of God, and Satan, who is the represent of his sins, and the Lord rebuke him, saying, "Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?" Satan, who is the fire, is the fuel that the Lord's arm there to rescue the enemy. Do you catch the lesson, Brother, Sister? While you are in the world, you are in the fire, and you are under opposition. But what of it? It is best much to be desired for Truth and righteousness where the majority forsaken God and have fallen and become a form for God? Read Matthew 5:10-12.

The apostles are prophets not without opposition from their own brethren. but they were gladly received and rejoiced in the fire. Do you think, brethren, that Christ, who is the fire, is not in the fire? Do you think that God, who is the fire, is not in the fire? Do you think

names of those who are found unworthy of eternal life will be blotted out of the Lamb's Book of Life – a proceeding for which the only correct term can be, "investigative judgment."

And now that the "time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God...," "thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Tim. 2:3), for "if it [the judgment] first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" 1 Pet. 4:17.

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