Earth's Closing Events

January 22, 2nd Quarter June 19-28, 2024,

Sabbath Afternoon, June 15

Memory Text:

"Beg the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding." Proverbs 23:23.

"As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. Yielding to the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in a different light from what they did when they first received the truth. Instead of choosing the path pointed out by the Lord when and placing address, who are required in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become bitter against those who have been their brethren in the faith, and they do all in their power to embarrass the church in answer for their faith. these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse the brethren. Satan transforms himself into an angel of light. Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 451.

"The spirit of persecution the faith of the Lord's servants will be tried. They have faithfully given the warning, looking to God and to His word alone. God's word is their only guide. Many who have been connected with them, associated with holy zeal, and with the divine impulse strong upon them, they entered the work of God, and have been a part of it. But they have not counted the consequences of speaking to the people the word which the Lord had given them. They have not concluded their temporal interests, nor sought to counteract the influence of those who have been in positions of responsibility and important burdens upon them, some, overwhelmed with consideration, will be ready to exclaim: "Had we foreseen the consequences of our words, we would have held our peace." They are hedged in with difficulties. Satan assists them with fierce temptations. The work which they have undertaken seems too great for them to accomplish. Satan and his angels are continually suggesting to them that God has imposed upon them a burden greater than they can bear. Then, feeling their utter helplessness, they flee to the Mighty One for strength. They remember that God has given them a work, they have seen to them, but He who bade them give the warning. God put the truth into their hearts, and they could not forbear to speak it." GC 608.2

Sunday, June 16

Loyalty to God and His Word

Read Proverbs 23:23; John 8:32, and John 17:17. What common thread runs through these verses?

John 14:5 – "Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me."

From this we see that Jesus is the only way to the Kingdom. He, then, says that there are some who have entered into the Kingdom, and that, if we are heard to the Kingdom thereof, is only a "Truth of Nothing" that unexpected "Truth." Jesus, then, says that the Truth is the Way to the Kingdom, and the "Truth" of those who have entered into the Kingdom is the Way to the Kingdom.

If we were to have a home in the Kingdom, we must never be like them. We must be like those who have entered. We must follow the Lord through His Truth, the Truth that makes us free.

As there is but one right Way and but one Door, and as all Christians do not enter the Kingdom, it is evident that there are many who are in the way of error. Jesus of Nazareth is the way of the Kingdom, and the Truth, and the Life, and no man can fortunate the earth. Indeed, not for. He must have a people in whom to confide the Truth and to whom to give the Truth, and to whom to give the Truth.

Read 2 Peter 1:16-21. What assurance does the apostle give us regarding prophecy? What illustration does he use to show the importance of God's prophetic Word?

2 Pet. 1:19, 20 – "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation."

Yes, the visions of the prophecies are to be our visions if we must be preserved. Prophecy, though, he contradicts is of no more private interpretation than with Nebuchadnezzar's and Pharaoh's visions; that the wise men of any people are not able to interpret the unprecedented prophecies of God. Who?

Verse 21 – "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

This is exactly why prophecy cannot be privately interpreted, not without the Spirit. Who disagree with this? Only many men of old. So, then, the prophecies are not interpreted by the will of man, but by the Spirit of Truth, "the Spirit of Prophecy." the same Spirit that dictated the prophecy.

Monday, June 17

Sealed for Heaven

Read Exodus 20:8-11. What elements of a seal are contained in the Sabbath commandment?

Compare Revelation 7:1, 2 and Revelation 14:1 with Revelation 13:16, 17. What are the parallels and the contrasts between the "seal of God" and the "mark of the beast"?

"Satan's work of the last days is to place a mark upon the forehands of all who are separated from sin and sinners, and the worldings angel follows the work of the angel of God." GC 614.2

"Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their forehands, it is not any more time for them to be tempted, and they are sealed in the truth, established and settled, and they are not shaken." Manuscript Releases, vol. 1, p. 293.

"The seal of the living God." The truth, by which the 144,000 are sealed (Rev. 7:2), is a special seal, being the seal, or the mark, of Christ's kingdom. Christ's kingdom is the kingdom of truth. "Sanctify them through Thy truth," (Jn. 1, p. 251). Ordinarily God's angels will sting and cause the disobedient who defile him and which deceive both the Sabbath and the house of God, and the Sabbath and the house of God, and the Sabbath and the house of God. He who seeks how this seal is made of God. Yesterday, the angels will place over them, but day them. It is equivalent to the blood on the door post on the night of the Passover in Egypt. The angels is place a mark upon the foreheads of all who by sighing over their own sins, and see the sins in the church, and mourn over them. The angels are to go through the city and smite to day and kill old and young who have failed to mourn for the sins. Dee Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 365.

"All who are sealed in the forehead are marked to me from the dead in the resurrection of the just, while the latter seal enables the righting crisis not to escape death and forever to be lost." GC

Tuesday, June 18

Whom Do We Worship?

Read Revelation 13:13-17. What specific penalties are inflicted upon those who do not worship the image of the beast?

"In contrast to those who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus, the inhabitants of the earth are worshipers of the beast. Satan's seven and fearful warning is uttered: "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation." The worship of the beast and his image is the receiving of his mark. The worship of the beast and his image is the receiving of his mark. The worship of the beast and his image is the receiving of his mark." (Revelation 14:9-11). The worship of the beast and his image is the receiving of his mark." (Revelation 14:9-11). Satan's seven and fearful warning and crying over the abominable which defile him and which deceive both the Sabbath and the house of God, and the Sabbath and the house of God, and the Sabbath and the house of God. He who seeks how this seal is made of God. Yesterday, the angels will place over them, but day them. It is equivalent to the blood on the door post on the night of the Passover in Egypt. The angels is place a mark upon the foreheads of all who by sighing over their own sins, and see the sins in the church, and mourn over them. The angels are to go through the city and smite to day and kill old and young who have failed to mourn for the sins. Dee Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 365.

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Wednesday, June 19

The Early and Latter Rain

Read Joel 2:21-23 and Acts 2:1, 4, 41-47. What prediction was fulfilled in the early rain? What is the latter rain?

"During the pastoral age the influence of the Holy Spirit had often been manifested upon the minds of men, but never in its fullness. Now, in declining the world of the Saviour, the disciples shed forth the glorious rays of the gospel, and a heaven-inspired power was given to the word. The Spirit of the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the

constitute the final warning to be given to the inhabitants of the earth." GC 604.1

Friday, June 21

Further Thought

"Babylon is said to be "the mother of harlots." By her daughters must be symbolized churches that cling to her doctrines and traditions, and follow her example of sacrificing the truth and the approval of God, in order to form an unlawful alliance with the world. The message of Revelation 14 announcing the fall of Babylon, must apply to religious bodies that were once pure and have become corrupt. Since this message follows the warning of the Judgment, it must be given in the last days, therefore it cannot refer to the Romish Church, for that church has been in a fallen condition for many centuries. Furthermore, in the eighteenth chapter of the Revelation, in a message which is yet future, the people of God are called upon to come out of Babylon. According to this scripture, many of God's people must still be in Babylon. And in what religious bodies are the greater part of the followers of Christ now to be found? Without doubt, in the various churches professing the Protestant faith. At the time of their rise, these churches took a noble stand for God and the truth, and his blessing was with them. Even the unbelieving world was constrained to acknowledge the beneficent results that followed an acceptance of the principles of the gospel. In the words of the prophet to Israel, "Thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty; for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord God." But they fell by the same desire which was the curse and ruin of Israel,—the desire of imitating the practices and courting the friendship of the ungodly. 'Thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown.'" GC88 382.

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