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The True Message to the Laodiceans

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Sermon title: **Do you know Christ or just know about Him.**

Scripture: **Revelation 14: 14-17**

Opening Hymn: **Lift up the trumpet** (213)

Closing Hymn: **Until Then** (632)

Dates Given:

Revelation 3:14-15

¹⁴ “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: ¹⁵ “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.



Revelation 3:16-17

¹⁶ So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. ¹⁷ Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—**and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—**"

- Here is the bottom line: **We are at great risk of being deceived by Satan into believing that we are ready for heaven and “in need of nothing.”**
- This warns of a salvation issue meaning we can lose heaven!
- Since it's ever Satan's objective to keep us from heaven, he or his demons will always be trying very hardest to get us to think that we have need of nothing!!!

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- This letter along with the Three Angel's Message in Revelation 14 is to our generation what Noah's message was to the antediluvians before the flood:
- **A FINAL WARNING:** A life and death warning that changes are needed in your life for you to be saved.
- This letter to the Laodiceans, according to Ellen White, applies to the end times and to **most of** God's end-time church.

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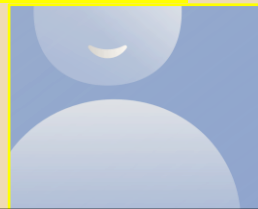
Revelation 3:18-19

“¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. ¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent.”

- Gold: A character refined by the Lord
- White garments: Christ's righteousness. No hidden or unrelinquished sins! Baring the soul to the Lord
- Eye Salve: Wisdom to see ourselves and our sins as God sees us.
- **“Therefore, be zealous and repent!”**

EGW on the Letter to the Laodiceans (1)

The message to the church of the Laodiceans is a startling denunciation and **is applicable to the people of God at the present time**. The Lord here shows us that the message to be borne to his people by ministers whom he has called to warn the people, is not a peace-and-safety message. It is not merely theoretical, but **practical in every particular**. The people of God are represented in the message to the Laodiceans in a position of **carnal security**. They are at ease, **believing themselves in an exalted condition of spiritual attainments**.

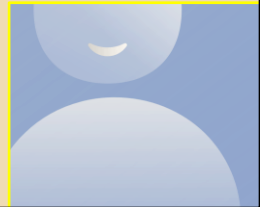


EGW on the Letter to the Laodiceans (2)

What greater deception can come upon human minds than a confidence that they are right, when they are all wrong? The message of the True Witness finds the people of God in a sad deception, yet honest in that deception. They know not that their condition is deplorable in the sight of God. While those addressed are flattering themselves that they are in an exalted spiritual condition, the message of the True Witness breaks their security by the startling denunciation of their true situation of spiritual blindness, poverty, and wretchedness.

The testimony, so cutting and severe, cannot be a mistake; for it is the True Witness who speaks, and his testimony must be correct.

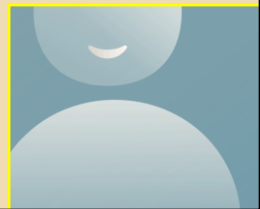
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- **So, we have here a great warning that we may be deceived into comfort and miss heaven.**
- **And, according to Ellen White, the warning is to the majority of us:**

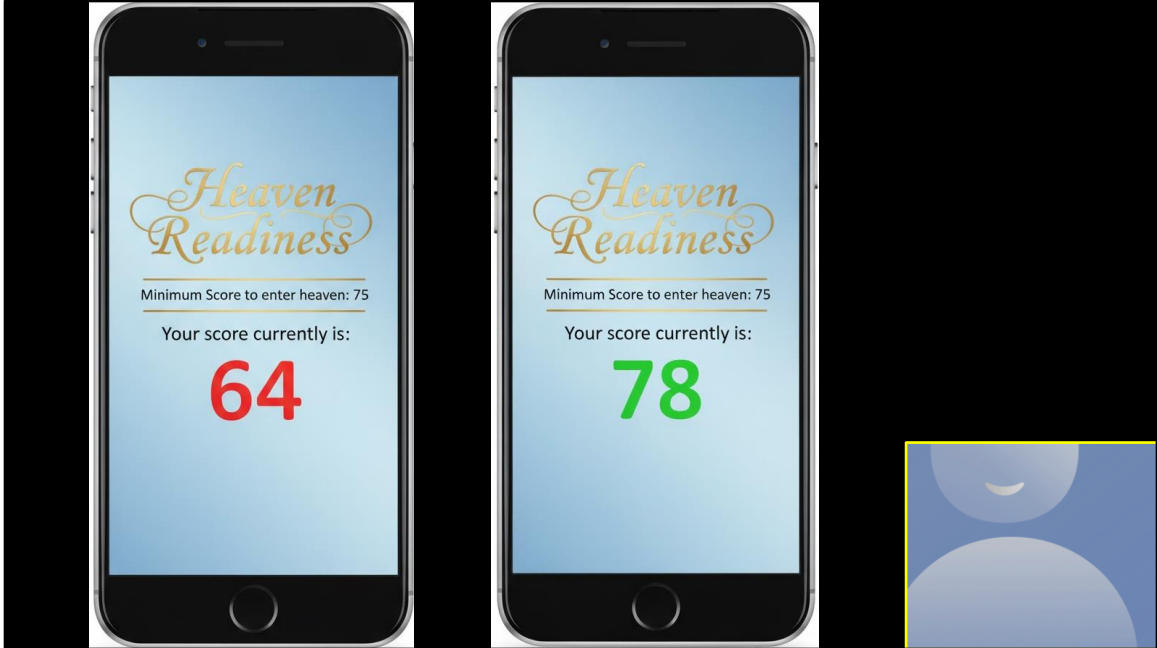
Many Will Not Be Prepared

“It is a solemn statement that I make to the church, that **not one in twenty** whose names are registered upon the church books **are prepared to close their earthly history** and would be as verily without God and without hope in the world as the common sinner!” ([LDE 172.1](#))



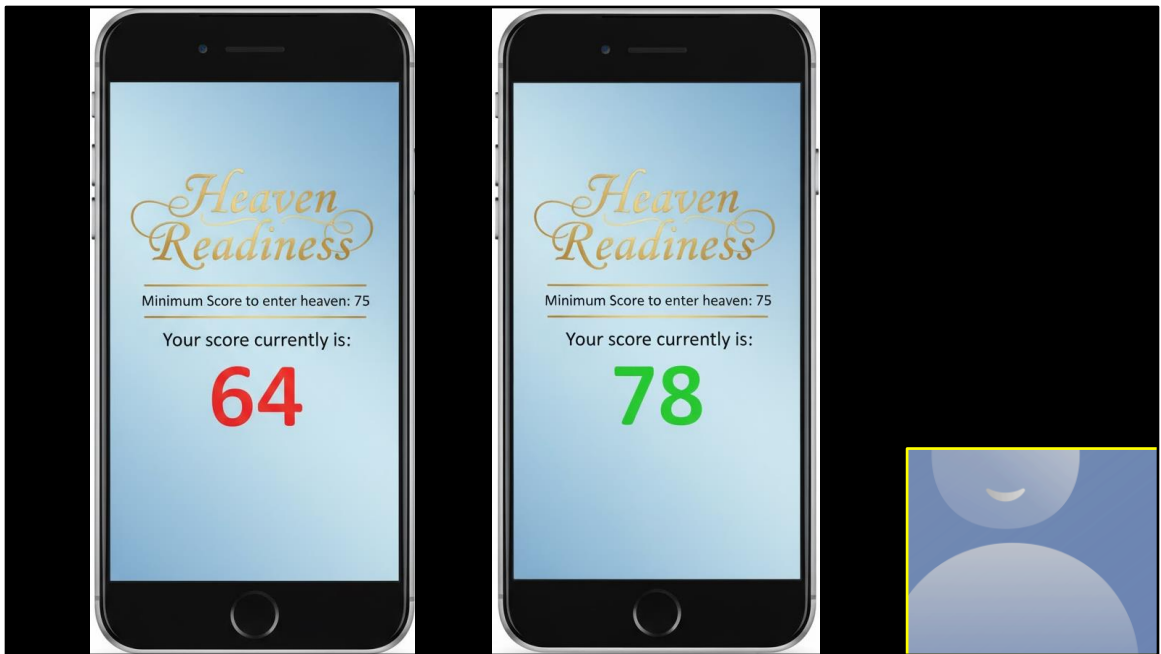
What is the Task Before Us Now?

1. Help us **accept** that **this message** may well apply to us. Instead of being like miss Piggie in the Muppets saying “Moi”, we must check it out by searching the scriptures and our hearts.
2. **Provide strong motivation** so we are willing to spend the time necessary to study the message and determine its applicability to us and our lives.
3. **Give us the remedy.** ←



- Like king Belteshazzar in Daniel, we are being weighed in the balance and found wanting.
- What is missing? What is faulty? What does God want?
- Are we talking about our works?
- Do we have a phone app to tell us?
- Oh no! A works mindset would tell you that it's time to do more good deeds or give to charities...😊
- Or perhaps you get this score:

Cool, we can sit back and take our ease. Right?

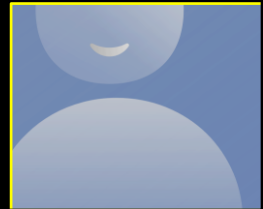


Based on works?

- **NO, this is a salvation issue, a decision on who is Lord of your life.**
- It's not our abilities, not what we know nor what we've done or are doing now.
- “⁸ For by **grace** you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ **not of works**, lest anyone should boast.” ←

Based on Grace & Faith

- The issue who is sitting on the throne of our life; who's driving the truck. Consider the truck analogy:
 - **We drive alone** (works). We're always in the ditch and heaven looks far away.
 - **We pick up this stranger named Jesus** who gives us advice (*when we are willing to listen*), and, He has this instruction book to read. However, sometimes we still end up in the ditch and heaven still looks distant.
 - **We pull over and let Jesus drive**. Although life is still a struggle, there is joy, peace, and a full assurance of heaven to come!!! ←



- Does this make sense?
- Questions?
- Let's quickly review some scriptures to clarify **Faith**.

John 5:11-13a

¹¹ And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may **know** that you have eternal life, ...

- **Bottom Line:** When we have Jesus running our life, we have eternal life. Otherwise, otherwise!

John 5:11-13a

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ... ¹³ For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”



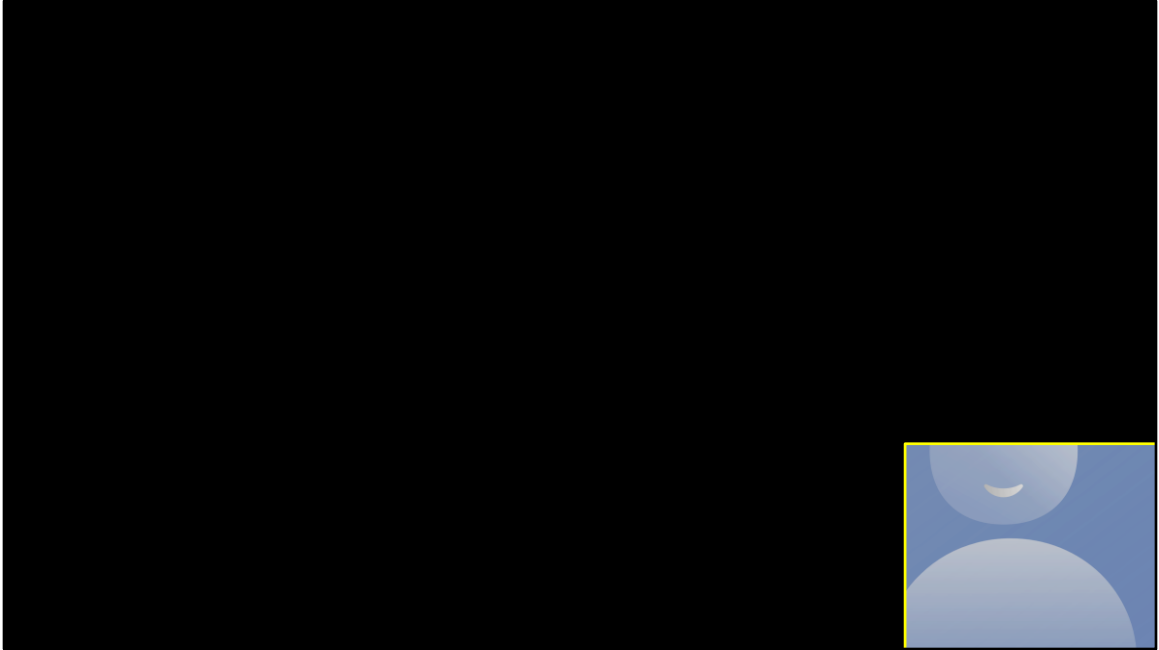
1 John 1:8-9

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to **forgive** us *our* sins and to cleanse us from **all** unrighteousness.

Summary:

1. Believe in Jesus
2. Confess all our sins
3. Repent
4. Let Jesus lead us in paths of righteousness, giving us the strength to overcome our sins.

Clear enough so far?



- We have all probably driven on an almost empty freeway at night; fighting off becoming drowsy and thinking about the day.
- In your mind, visualize you are driving a lonely stretch of freeway at night, returning home after long and tiring meeting.
- Your wife will have supper on the table and made a fire in the fireplace.
- For example, assume this is Interstate 695 near Baltimore, a route you have driven many times and had just driven the other way three hours ago.
- Suddenly you see this:



- Now remember, you know this route like the back of your hand and had just driven it 3 hours before.
- Also, the guy with the sign is clearly a homeless bum.
- Also, there are no other cars that have stopped.
- Question: How many of you would keep driving while shaking your head and saying, "poor guy".



- How many of you saw the movie Patton, with George C. Scott as Patton?



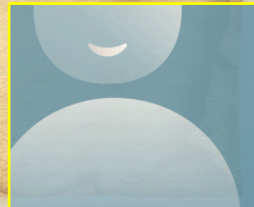
- In that movie, there is this scene (depicted here) where Patton wins a battle against Rommel, “The Desert Fox”.
- Patton exclaims at one point the “I read your book!” He used Rommel’s own strategy against him.
- If you a senior military officer in charge or prosecuting a war against an enemy, what is going to be your first step?



- Study the enemy. Great effort will be put not only on measuring the enemy's resources, strengths, and weaknesses, but also in researching his strategies, and tactics, his methodologies when he is in combat.
- This knowledge is then refined in war rooms and then passed along to those in charge.
- **Question:** Are we in a war?

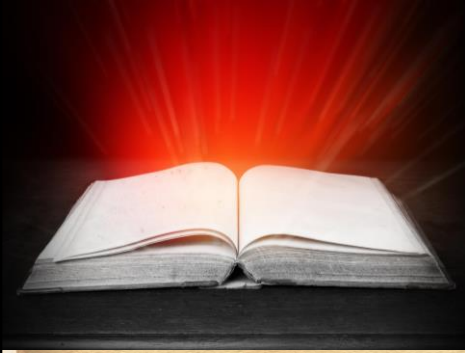
Satan, the Enemy: Revelation 12:7-9

“⁷ And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. ⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”



- Question: Did the war end there? {no}
- No? Where is it now? {earth}
- This cosmic battle is a war between Satan and those on his side and God and those on God's side.
- The battle is for the hearts and minds of man.
- Thus, God's greatest creation, man, is both the prize of the battle as well as one of the combatants.

Satan, the Enemy: Ezekiel 28:15-15



¹⁴ “You *were* the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. ¹⁵ You **were perfect in your ways** from the day you were created, until iniquity was found in you.



- Most powerful and beautiful of the created beings. His job was to cover the Lord with his wings.
- He was loved and respected by the angels.
- He deceived all the angels (remember 1 angel killed 150K in the enemy camp).
- Do we have a chance against Satan if we try to take him on in our own strength? Clearly not but we forget this fact because Satan has deceived us.
- **As the enemy, he is to be respected but not feared!**
 (“Greater is he that is in thee than he that is in the world”.)

Question: Should we not understand the enemy at least as to his level of control in the world and his tactics in our lives?



- Satan is listed as the prince of this world. Let's look at what that means.
- To do this we need to look at some of Satan's plans as were bragged about by his human Satanists Priests.

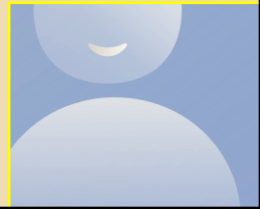
Albert Pike Letter on 3 World Wars

Pike Biography

- Albert Pike, 1809 to 1891.
- Chosen by Mazzini to head American operations of the secret society called **The Illuminati**.
- A Counselor of Counselors (highest Freemason level)
- Wrote **Morals and Dogma**, the Freemason bible on organization and rituals.
- August 15, 1871: **Letter to Guiseppe Mazzini on 3 world wars with content from his "spirit guide"**.

[Click here](#) for an analysis of Albert Pike's letter.

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Albert Pike Letter on 3 World Wars

World War 1

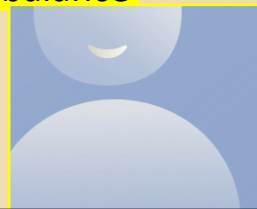
“This war is to be battled out so as to enable the Illuminati to overthrow the powers of the Czars in Russia and turn Russia into a strong fortress of Atheistic-Communism. The differences stirred by the agents of the Illuminati between German and British Empires will to be used to foment this first world war. Then when the war has ended, Communism will be built up and used to destroy other governments and to weaken religions.”

- Note that the same organization , the Illuminata (probably through their agents the Jesuits) were in both England and Germany to foment the war. This is typical of Jesuit operations of this type.

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World War 2

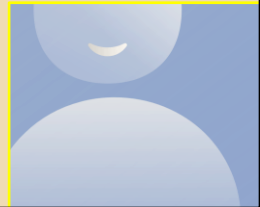
"The Second World War must be fomented by taking advantage of the differences between the Fascists and the political Zionists. This war must be brought about so that Nazism is destroyed and that the political Zionism be strong enough to institute a sovereign state of Israel in Palestine. During the Second World War, International Communism must become strong enough in order to balance Christendom, which would be then restrained and held in check until the time when we would need it for the final social cataclysm."



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World War 3

"The Third World War must be fomented by taking advantage of the differences caused by "agentur" (agents) of the "Illuminati" between the political Zionists and the leaders of Islamic World. The war must be conducted in such a way that Islam (the Moslem Arabic World) and political Zionism (the State of Israel) mutually destroy each other."



- Clearly, World War III is what is now happening in the middle East.

The Jesuits



- **Isis, Horus, Set:** Ancient occult gods.
- Founded in 1540 by Ignatius of Loyola.
- Superior General of Jesuits called the “Black Pope.”
- “Jesuits were the most cruel, unscrupulous, and powerful of all the champions of popery. **Cut off from earthly ties and human interests, dead to the claims of natural affection, reason and conscience wholly silenced, they knew no rule no tie, but that of their order, and no duty but to extend its power. ...**” (White [GC 234.2](#))

- The Jesuits are said to have been responsible for all wars since the 1700's.
- They were the army that Satan used to achieve his objectives in fomenting 3 world wars as previously noted.

The Jesuit Oath

I do furthermore, promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war secretly or openly, against **all heretics, Protestants, and Liberals**, as I am directed to; extirpate them from the face of the earth; and that I will spare neither age, sex, or condition, and that I will
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in order to annihilate their inexorable race. That when the same cannot be done openly, I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulating cords, the steels of the poniard, or the leaden bullets, **regardless of the honor, rank, dignity**, or authority of the persons, whatever may be their condition in life, either public or private... **Signed in blood!**

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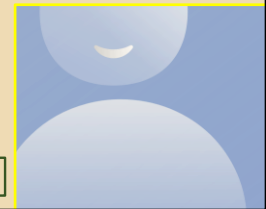
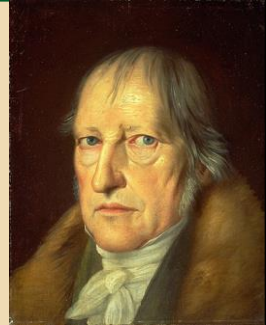
- They are given a knife with which they cut themselves and sign the oath in blood.
- Would Francis, as a Jesuit, again the use persecution of the dark ages against Sabbath keepers?
- Think again about President Trump, his VP Pence, and his AG Barr being Jesuit trained.

Overview of the Hegelian Dialectic

Source: Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (1770-1831) German philosopher.

Definition: A three-stage process of thought development where an initial concept (**thesis**) is challenged by its opposing idea (**antithesis**), leading to a new, more comprehensive concept (**synthesis**) that resolves the contradiction by incorporating aspects of both the thesis and antithesis.”

For details on the Hegelian Dialectic, [watch this short video](#) from Walter Veith.

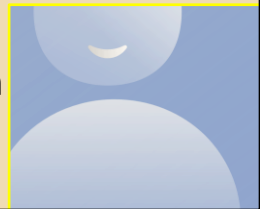


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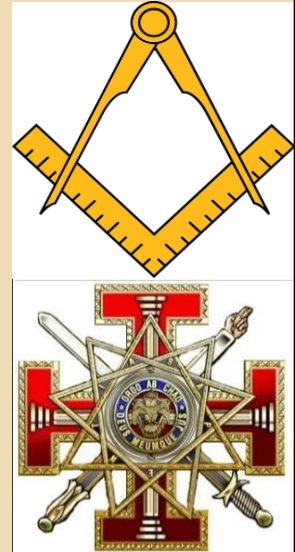
As implemented by the Jesuits:

- As used by the Jesuits and the various secret societies (which all are controlled by the beast), it involves great conflict and chaos.
- Conceptually, that after prolonged conflict, battles, and wars, the opposing sides become so beat down that both sides are willing to accept the synthesis as planned by the Satan.
- To achieve the conflict, agents (like Jesuits) are placed into position where (at some future point in time) they will be able to generate enough anger and hate on each side of an issue to create the chaos needed.



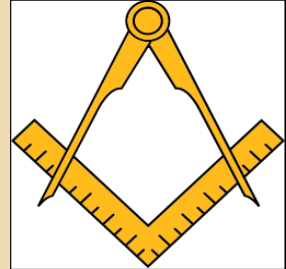
Free Masons and the Hegelian Dialectic

- Freemasonry traces its roots to the guilds of stonemasons in the 14th century.
- The first official Grand Lodge was established in London in 1717.
- Freemasonry Level categories: *Entered Apprentice*, *Fellow Craft*, and *Master Mason*.
- These divided into a total of 33 levels.
- For a detailed history of Free Masons, Jesuits, and Rome, [read this PDF](#) from Amazing Discoveries. **This I highly recommend!**



Free Masons

- Motto is **Ordo Ab Chao**, order from chaos!
- At lower levels, they appear to be allied with the religion of the area like Christianity in the US.
- Actual religion, known only to the top three levels, is Satan worship. **Thus, Satan controls the plans, actions, and objectives of Free Masons.**
- The many symbols seen by the low levels are given a false interpretation hiding the truth.
- These symbols originated in sun worship.
- Free Mason also use the Hegelian Dialectic.



- Since Satan controls these organizations, an individual lodge might appear as avid supporters of two sides of an issue (e.g. extremely liberal and extremely conservative) but in the lodge meeting, the best of buddies.

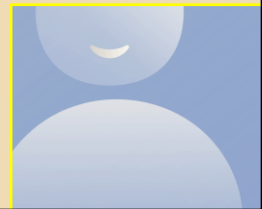
Famous High-Level Free Masons

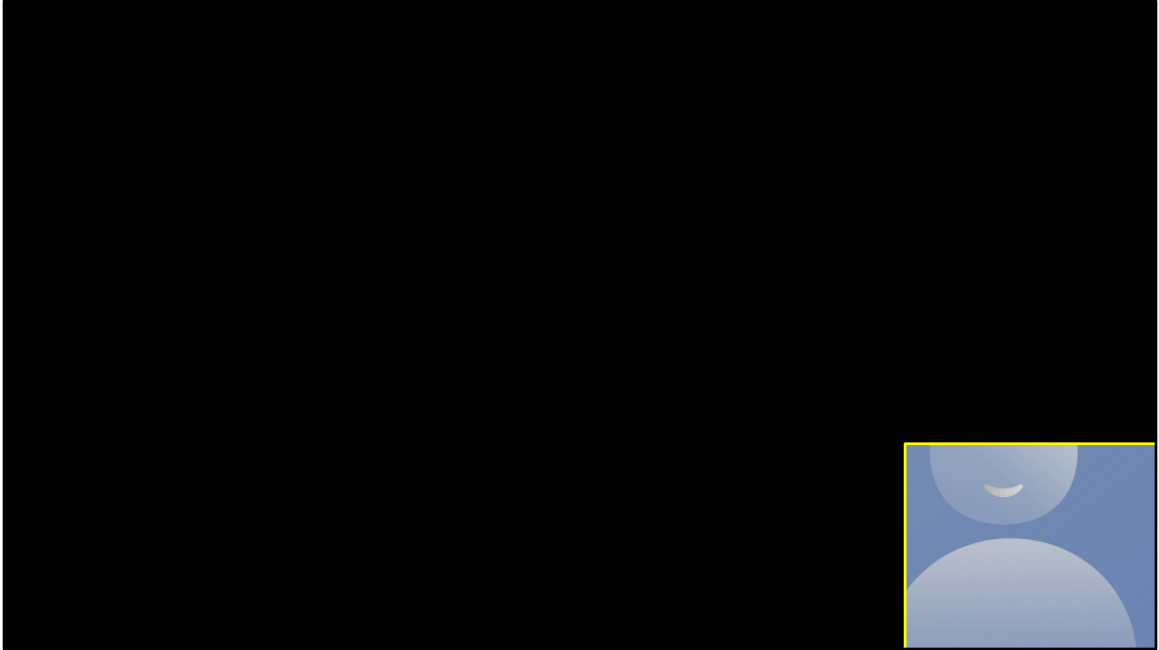
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Ronald Regan
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Winston Churchill
J. Edgar Hoover
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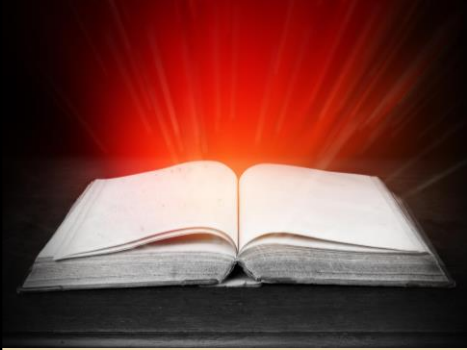
Some thoughts:

- Pike was not a prophet; God would not have used a Satanist.
- What has happened is that Satan's evil future plans were allowed by God to be fulfilled in undeniable accuracy (pushing 100 million deaths in these wars).
- Now, think closely. How much control of world affairs must Satan have to create the wars and accurately predict the results?
 - Total control of world governments, financial centers, the masses of people in the various countries affected, and the list goes on.



- **Let's turn our attention to a few examples of how we, as humans, have a great propensity for ignoring warnings.**
- Let's first look at the disastrous results of sending Paul to Rome,

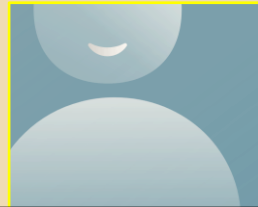
A Warning Missed



Paul's Trip to Rome

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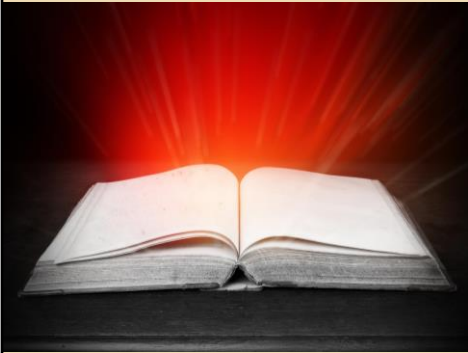
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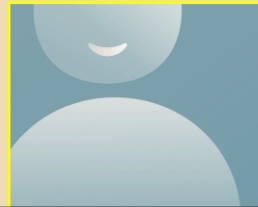
The Result

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Acts 29:41-44



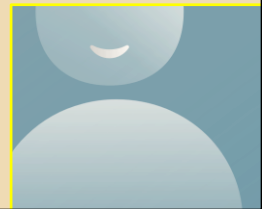
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Acts 29:9-11, 41, 44



"Let's put the full scripture on the screen and talk about it."

- First notice that the original warning was for great loss of life but in this case God, in his mercy, answered Paul's prayers and not a single loss of life.
- However, the ship and all its cargo, which was of great value, was lost forever.
- "Ok, put on your accident investigation caps and discuss this event.
- **Question 1:** What is most obvious cause of the accident
 "Let me ask a slightly different question: what single action would or could have avoided the accident?"

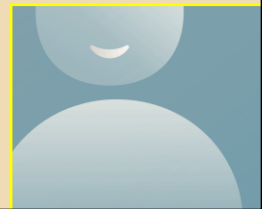
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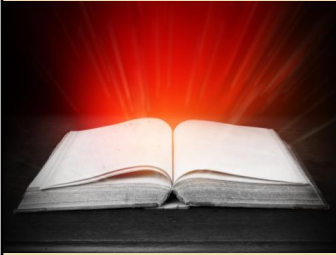


- **Answer: change the plans and wait for spring.**
- So, can we all agree that changing plans because of the warning would have avoided the accident?
- So then, a number one cause was disregarding the warning.
- **Question 2:** Why was the warning ignored?
 - Yes, Helmsman and owner more persuasive.
- **Question 3:** Why were they more persuasive?
 - Because they were sailors with years of experience and new sailing
 - ***Because they were proud men with great knowledge of sailing, so they thought that they knew more than the guy issuing the warning.***

Let's look a couple of related examples.

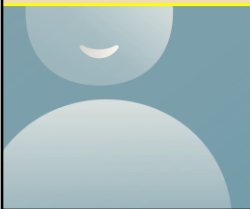
A Warning Missed

The Flood



⁷ So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Genesis 6:7-8

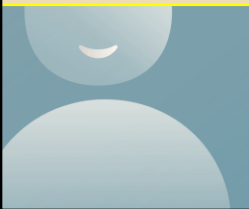
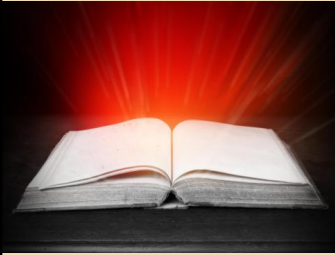


- Noah preached for 120 years, and no one listened.

- **Question 1:** Why was Noah's message of warning not heeded?
- Mainly because they were in the control of Satan. But also
- "We know better because it had never rained before". They probably did not even know a word for rain (Noah included 😊).

A Warning Missed

Christ's Return



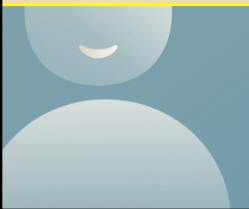
- There are somewhere about 300 passages in the old testament that foretell Christ's return. Here is what Christ said:

“³⁷ ...You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. ³⁸ But you do not have His word abiding in you, **because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.** ³⁹ You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.”

John 5:37-39

- **Question 1:** Why did the Jews not accept Jesus' many warning nor the Old Testament warnings?
 - They had a very wrong view of the Messiah's work and mission, and Jesus did not fit their model for the Messiah.

The Paradigm Shift



- **Paradigm:**

- A pattern or a model of something physical or a way of thinking.

- **Paradigm Shift:**

- This occurs when new information **is allowed into the thinking** that is in opposition to the current thinking or understanding on a subject.
- Frequently, the new information will run totally counter to years of experience and/or previous thoughts on the subject.
- Achieving a paradigm shift may require a lot of mental searching and study. The more significant the change, the more thought is required and the more difficult the change.



- Let me use an illustration from my Navy days.



Here's another example of a paradigm shift but an instantaneous one.

- Retired Navy
- Steady bearing, decreasing range = collision course.
 - Personal experience at O'Hare landing on **crossing** runways.

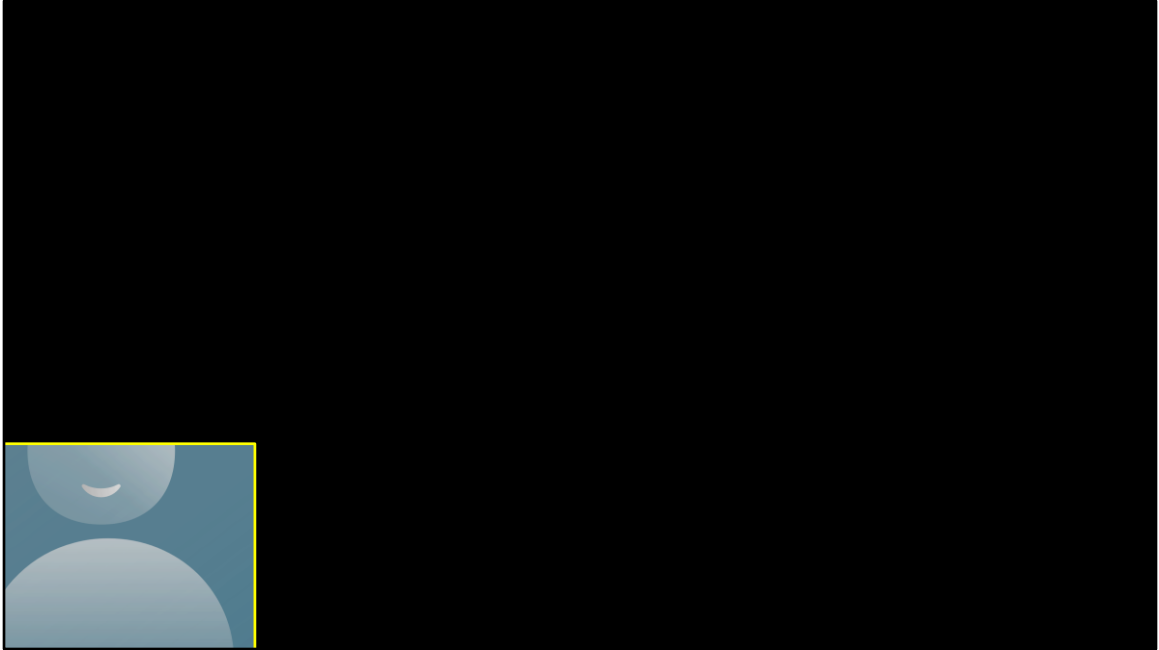
The Background

- Larger the ship, the more senior the commanding officer
- In a task force battle group of multiple ships and air resources, there is usually a senior flag officer in charge of task force operations. He will usually "transfer his flag" and be aboard the largest ship. He will be on the bridge during the day and most of the time during taskforce operations. He is not to direct the operations of his flag ship; that is the commanding officer's job.



The Parable

- The parable goes like this. Those on the bridge see a light at the horizon which is thought to be a ship. As they watch, they see that the ship is on a steady bearing but decreasing range. The admiral then directs the radioman to instruct the other ship to alter their course 15° to the north but reply comes back to "alter your course 15° to the south."
- The flag officer, becoming a little irate, tells the radioman to demand they alter their course, but the reply is the same.
- Almost foaming at the mouth, the admiral grabs the radio and screams into the microphone "listen your so-and-so, this is a 3-star admiral in charge of a large task force; you must alter your course."
- There is a noticeable delay and then a booming reply comes back on the speaker: "this is petty officer third class Smith; I'm the lighthouse keeper at Deception Rocks. **It's your call!**"



- Describe commonality of all examples.
 - Pride, thinking that we understand it all, know all the facts.
 - Question authority or right for the bearer of the warning to deliver that warning.
 - Full speed ahead in our own thinking, disregarding the warning.
- What more can I do to get you to seriously consider today's message? To get you to listen.
 - Personal example of always tuning out any message of exhortation...

Time is Short!

And we may not be ready for Christ's Return!

- “¹³ “Enter by the narrow gate; for **wide** is the gate and **broad** is the way that leads to destruction, and there are **many** who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because **narrow** is the gate and **difficult is the way** which leads to life, and there are **few** who find it!” (Matthew 7:13-14)
- “¹ Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold...⁵ *That* at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, *and* psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up; ⁶ and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.” (Daniel 3:1, 5-6)

What does “few” mean. Here is an example from the book of Daniel

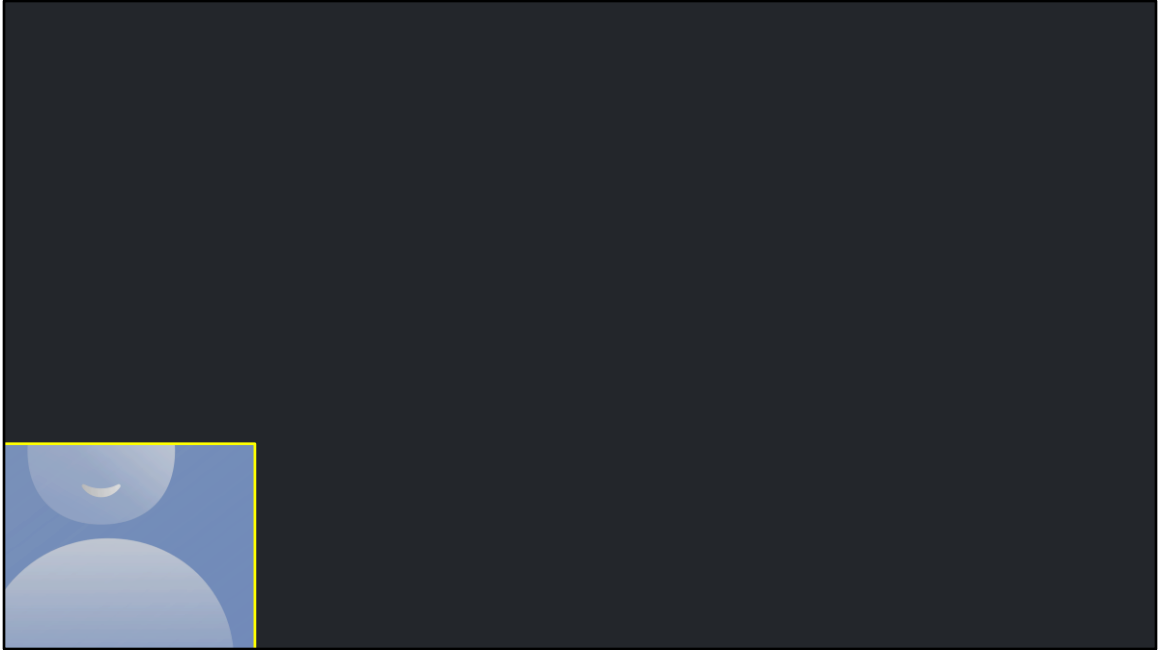
- The 8,000 or so Hebrew captives brought to Babylon were in training with Daniel and his three friends). Logically, most of these captives would have been invited to this celebration.
- So, question? How many were left standing?
- So only 3 of 8,000 were willing to remain standing for their God. (About 0.04 percent).
- This and other biblical examples would seem to indicate that “few” could well be less than one percent.

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- How short is the time? There is a mountain of evidence that most writers are talking about great times of trouble within a very few years (many say “probably within two years or less”). Here are some warnings:
 - Trump is in favor of Sunday laws which is now being pushed by the unions.
 - Total polarization in the US society including the political parties.
 - Within about a year, Digital currency will allow total control of buy and sell.
 - Salaries in Digital Currency will probably have an expiration date. Never again will a non-rich person be able to accumulate wealth!
 - Within two years or less, AI will have the ability to take over 1/3 of all jobs.
 - A food scarcity already exists and is rapidly becoming an issue in the US.
 - Huge inflationary pressure: US continues to spend \$2+ for each \$1 in revenue.

- I did three messages on the signs of the last days. Here is a brief summary:
- Total polarization: Our form of government was based on doing what is right for the country first. Now their only objective is to destroy the other party.
- WEF = World Economic Forum
- AI: [Example of phone support]
- Food Scarcity:



A quick summary:

- Time is short before probation closes and the Lord returns.
- Many are likely to not be ready for that event, and we might be in the many!
- Let's pick up the last verses of the Laodicean message:

Revelation 3:18-19

“¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from Me **gold** refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and **white garments**, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with **eye salve**, that you may see. ¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. **Therefore, be zealous and repent.**”

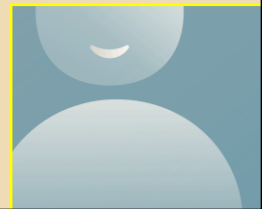
- Gold: A character refined by the Lord
- White garments: Christ's righteousness. No hidden or unrelinquished sins! Baring the soul to the Lord
- Eye Salve: Wisdom to see ourselves and our sins as God sees us.
- **“Therefore, be zealous and repent!”**
- **Some thoughts on a framework as we allow the Lord to make us ready.**

Becoming and Staying Ready A Plan of Action

Swap your “C’s” for “P’s”

- ⊗ **Cherished** (unconfessed sins). This is dangerous ground!!!
- ⊗ **Comfortable** with faith, life, job, possessions, things...
- ⊗ **Confident** in your knowledge of God and the SDA message.
- ⊗ **Casual**, **Careless** or **Compromising** about your faith and relationship with the Lord.

Check out the Great Controversy [GC 623.1](#) and [GC 623.2](#)



Cherished Sin: Keeping known sin in your life and not confessing and repenting is dangerous ground to tread!

- God may have to use some dramatic event in your life to get you to see and confess the sin.
- Your prayers other than confessing this sin are not heard.
- We are risking eternal life.

Comfortable: When life is easy and good, we don't tend to think about or work on our relationship with God.

Confident: Since we understand the end times and the identity of the beasts, we can slip into a complacency where we think we have arrived and can't be deceived. Then we can become **Casual** and not intentional about our faith.

“Now, while our great High Priest is making the atonement for us, we should seek to become perfect in Christ. Not even by a thought could our Savior be brought to yield to the power of

temptation. Satan finds in human hearts some point where he can gain a foothold; some sinful desire is cherished, by means of which his temptations assert their power. But Christ declared of Himself: "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me." John 14:30. Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory. He had kept His Father's commandments, and there was no sin in Him that Satan could use to his advantage. This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble." (GC 623.1)

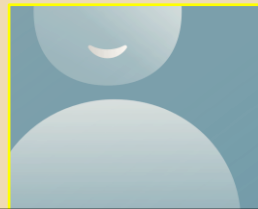
"It is in this life that we are to separate sin from us, through faith in the atoning blood of Christ. Our precious Savior invites us to join ourselves to Him, to unite our weakness to His strength, our ignorance to His wisdom, our unworthiness to His merits. God's providence is the school in which we are to learn the meekness and lowliness of Jesus. The Lord is ever setting before us, not the way we would choose, which seems easier and pleasanter to us, but the true aims of life. It rests with us to co-operate with the agencies which Heaven employs in the work of conforming our characters to the divine model. None can neglect or defer this work but at the most fearful peril to their souls." (GC 623.2)

Becoming and Staying Ready

A Plan of Action

Swap your “C’s” for “P’s”

- ✓ **Purposeful** in seeking to always keep yourself holy and undefiled. Regularly ask the Lord to show you your sin.
- ✓ **Persistence** in prayer (“In all things give thanks” “Pray w/o ceasing.”)
- ✓ **Proactive** about your faith and walk with the Lord; keep it job one!
- ✓ **Patience** in struggles, seeking God’s strength and His will. **Patiently** allow the Lord to purify you and to shape you into His image.



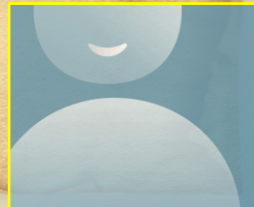
Objectives for Today

1. Make sure we are all in heaven.
2. To draw us together as the early disciples in the upper room for much prayer..
3. To whom the content applies, to cause a paradigm change in our thinking and make us willing to get transparent with the Lord, asking:
 - “Am I ready” &
 - “Show me my sins”.

- In other words, this message is not unlike many others we have been hearing on being ready for the Lord.
- I want to exhort, extoll, reason, beg, and anything else that it takes to have us **all** be ready for heaven.
- And according to the letter to the Laodiceans, some of us are probably (including me) may not be ready but don't know it.

**“²⁰ BEHOLD! I STAND AT THE DOOR AND
KNOCK. IF ANYONE HEARS MY VOICE
AND OPENS THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN
TO HIM AND DINE WITH HIM, AND HE
WITH ME.”**

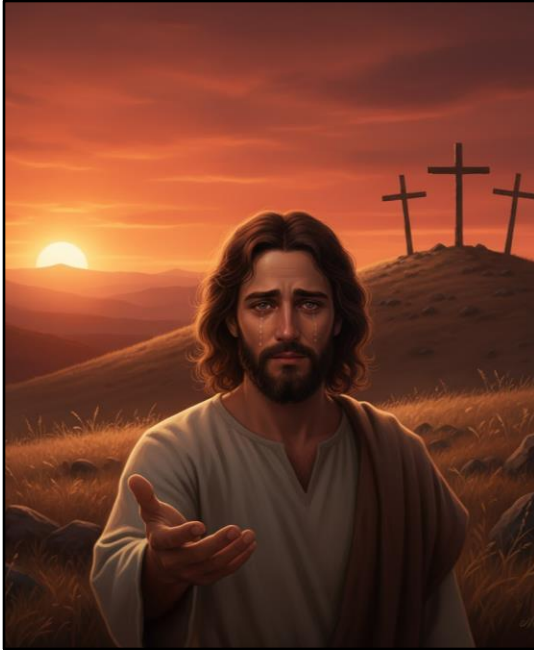
Revelation 3:14-15



“Christ says:”



- Even after doing a previous sermon on Laodicea, I was still in Laodicea. But while I was in Laodicea, I thought that I had it all together. Though I had a thorough head knowledge of the Adventist truths, this does not mean that I was ready for the Lord.
- I had no clue that I was **wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.**
- It took the struggles of the last couple your years to wake me up!
- What about you?



Choose Life!

¹⁹ I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, **choose life**, that both you and your descendants may live.

Deuteronomy 30:19, NKJV

- The warning is that we may not know that we are lost. It would be a very frightening thing to awakening in the second resurrection!
 - “We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.”
 - We taught Sabbath school
 - We were on the church board
 - We ... You finish the sentence.
- Individually, we need to bare our souls to Christ searching our hearts and asking Him what more we lack.
- Christ wants His house to be full.
- Let’s not sadden him but meet him in the first resurrection.
- Let’s pull together to pray and edify each other. Let’s achieve the unity of the early church whatever it takes.



- Time is short. All indications are that we need only hang on for a couple more years.
- Should we not draw together and spend much time in group prayer as took place in the upper room after the cross?
- Should we not pray without ceasing telling the Lord to show us our sin and any needed changes in our lives so we will keep Him as number 1?
- Will prayer not be the only way that we will be able to endure the coming time of great trials “such as have never been”?
- Prayerfully consider your decision as we sing our closing song, #623, I Will Follow Thee



²⁴ Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

²⁵ To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.