

THE DAY OF THE LORD

“The condition of the church at this time is pointed out in the Savior’s words in the Revelation: ‘Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.’ And to those who refuse to arouse from their careless security, the solemn warning is addressed: ‘If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.’ Revelation 3:1, 3.

“It was needful that men should be awakened to their danger; that they should be roused to **prepare for the solemn events connected with the close of probation.** The prophet of God declares: ‘The **day of the Lord** is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?’ Who shall stand when He appeareth who is ‘of purer eyes than to behold evil,’ and cannot ‘look on iniquity?’ Joel 2:11; Habakkuk 1:13. To them that cry, ‘My God, we know Thee,’ yet have transgressed His covenant, and hastened after another god, **hiding iniquity in their hearts,** and loving the paths of unrighteousness— to these **the day of the Lord** is ‘darkness, and not light, even very dark, and no brightness in it.’ Hosea 8:2, 1; Psalm 16:4; Amos 5:20. ‘It shall come to pass **at that time,**’ saith the Lord, ‘that I will search Jerusalem with **candles,** and **punish** the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will He do evil.’ Zephaniah 1:12. ‘I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.’ Isaiah 13:11. ‘Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them;’ ‘their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation.’ Zephaniah 1:18, 13.

“The prophet Jeremiah, looking forward to **this fearful time,** exclaimed: ‘I am pained at my very heart. . . . I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the **trumpet,** the **alarm of war.** **Destruction upon destruction is cried.**’ Jeremiah 4:19, 20.

“‘That **day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of the trumpet and alarm.**’ Zephaniah 1:15, 16. ‘Behold, **the day of the Lord** cometh, . . . to lay the land desolate: and He shall **destroy the sinners thereof out of it.**’ Isaiah 13:9.

“**In view of that great day** the word of God, in the most solemn and impressive language, calls upon His people to arouse from their spiritual lethargy and to seek His face with **repentance and humiliation:** ‘Blow ye the **trumpet** in Zion, and sound an **alarm** in My holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for **the day of the Lord cometh,** for it is nigh at hand.’ ‘Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children: . . . let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar.’ ‘Turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.’ Joel 2:1, 15–17, 12, 13.

“**To prepare a people to stand in the day of God, a great work of reform was to be accomplished.** God saw that many of His professed people were not building for eternity, and in His mercy He was about to send **a message of warning** to arouse them from their stupor and lead them to make ready for the coming of the Lord.

“This warning is brought to view in Revelation 14. Here is a threefold message represented as proclaimed by heavenly beings and **immediately followed by the coming of the Son of man to reap ‘the harvest of the earth.’** The first of these warnings **announces the approaching judgment.** The prophet beheld an angel flying ‘in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 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.’ Revelation 14:6, 7.

“This message is declared to be a part of ‘the everlasting gospel.’ The work of preaching the gospel has not been committed to angels, but has been entrusted to men. Holy angels have been employed in directing this work, they have in charge the great movements for the salvation of men; but the actual proclamation of the gospel is performed by the servants of Christ upon the earth.

“Faithful men, who were obedient to the promptings of God’s Spirit and the teachings of His word, were to proclaim this warning to the world. They were those who had taken heed to the ‘sure word of prophecy,’ the ‘light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the daystar arise.’ 2 Peter 1:19. They had been seeking the knowledge of God more than all hid treasures, counting it ‘better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.’ Proverbs 3:14. And the Lord revealed to them the great things of the kingdom. ‘The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His covenant.’ Psalm 25:14.” *The Great Controversy*, 309–312.

PREPARED TO STAND IN THE DAY OF THE LORD

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THE LAST DECEPTION

“Satan is . . . constantly pressing in the spurious—to lead away from the truth. **The very last deception of Satan will be to make of none effect the testimony of the Spirit of God.** ‘Where there is no vision, the people perish’ (Proverbs 29:18). Satan will work ingeniously, in different ways and through different agencies, to unsettle the confidence of God’s remnant people in the true testimony.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 48.

WRESTING THE BIBLE AND SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

“The Lord did not lead in the production of some of the statements that are made in this book [Living Temple]. He has given us His word, and this word is to be the man of our counsel. It seemed to me passing strange that men who have been long in the work cannot discern the character of this book. **A great deal of scripture is used, but it is woven in and brought together in such a way that to many minds error is made to appear as truth.** Erroneous theories are so presented that those who receive them will certainly be misled, and led on step by step by the enemy.

“If ever there was a time when **the writings of everyone connected with our work should be closely criticized**, it is now. The Lord has made known to me that His word is to be studied, and as no such representations as those made in *Living Temple* are made in the word, we are to reject them. We are to take the word as God has given it to us. If Christ had thought it essential for such theories to be presented to human minds, **He would have included them in His teachings.** As our Owner and Redeemer, He has put in His word all the instruction that is necessary for our salvation.” *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, 157, 158, 1905.

“I am compelled to speak in denial of the claim that the teachings of *Living Temple* can be sustained **by statements from my writings.** There may be in this book expressions and sentiments that are in harmony with my writings. And there may be in my writings many statements which, **taken from their connection**, and interpreted according to the mind of the writer of *Living Temple*, would seem to be in harmony with the teachings of this book. This may give apparent support to the assertion that the sentiments in *Living Temple* are in harmony with my writings. But God forbid that this sentiment should prevail.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 203.

"People states that the Day of the Lord is not when our sins are blotted out. We know that the Day of the Lord is typified by the Sunday Law test, which begins for the Priests at Midnight, the Levites at the MC, and the 11th Hour workers at the Sunday Law.

The Lord cannot stand up at this point until those relevant groups have been tested. Therefore that is the same misconception that Miller and Snow had on Oct 22 1844, they thought it was the second coming of Christ when in fact it was the investigative judgment. Please allow me to join the blotting out of sin with the Sunday Law test that begins at Midnight for the Priests which Brother Tyler Sena states is incorrect. Please allow me to provide two witnesses:

This is the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed. **ALL WHO PROVE THEIR LOYALTY TO GOD** by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, **AND WILL RECEIVE THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD.** Those who yield the truth of heavenly origin, and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast. { 15MR 15.3

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WHEN THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE CLOSES, mercy no longer pleads for the guilty inhabitants of the earth. The people of God have accomplished their work. They have received "the latter rain," "the refreshing from the presence of the Lord," and they are prepared for the trying hour before them. Angels are hastening to and fro in heaven. An angel returning from the earth announces that his work is done; **THE FINAL TEST HAS BEEN BROUGHT UPON THE WORLD**, and **ALL WHO HAVE PROVED THEMSELVES LOYAL TO THE DIVINE PRECEPTS HAVE RECEIVED "THE 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. 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 }

Christ states "it is done!" at the 9th hour on the cross:

"All heaven had united with Jesus, as they heard the fearful words, "IT IS DONE. IT IS FINISHED." The plan of salvation had been accomplished, but few had chosen to accept it. And as mercy's sweet voice died away, fear and horror seized the wicked. With terrible distinctness they heard the words, "TOO LATE! TOO LATE!" { EW 281.1 }

WRESTING THE INSPIRED WORD

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“The Lord has shown me clearly that **the image of the beast will be formed before probation closes**; for it is to be **the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.** Your position is such a jumble of inconsistencies that but few will be deceived.

“In Revelation 13 this subject is plainly presented; [Revelation 13:11–17, quoted].

“This is **the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed.** All who proved their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will receive the seal of the living God. Those who yield the truth of heavenly origin and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 15, 15.

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BEFORE THE CRISIS

“Those who would not receive the mark of the beast and his image **when the decree goes forth**, must **have decision now** to say, Nay, we will not regard the institution of the beast.” *Early Writings*, 68.

“Again, these parables teach that there is to be **no probation after the judgment.** When **the work of the gospel is completed**, there immediately follows **the separation between the good and the evil**, and **the destiny of each class is forever fixed.**” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 123.

WHEN THE DECREE GOES FORTH

“What are you doing, brethren, in **the great work of preparation**? Those who are uniting with the world are receiving the worldly mold and **preparing** for the mark of the beast. Those who are distrustful of self, who are humbling themselves before God and purifying their souls by obeying the truth these are receiving the heavenly mold and **preparing** for the **seal** of God in their foreheads. **When the decree goes forth and the stamp is impressed, their character will remain pure and spotless for eternity.**” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 214, 216.

WHEN AND THEN

“**When** the law of God is being made void, when His name is dishonored, **when** it is considered disloyal to the laws of the land to keep the seventh day as the Sabbath, **when** wolves in sheep’s clothing, through blindness of mind and hardness of heart, are seeking to compel the conscience, shall we give up our loyalty to God? **No, no.** The wrongdoer is filled with a Satanic hatred against those who are loyal to the commandments of God, but the value of God’s law as a rule of conduct must be made manifest. The zeal of those who obey the Lord will be increased as the world and the church unite in making void the law. They will say with the Psalmist, ‘I love thy commandments above gold; yea above fine gold’ [Psalms 119:127]. This is what will be sure to occur **when** the law of God is made void by **a national act.** **When** Sunday is exalted and sustained by law, **then the principle that actuates the people of God will be made manifest, as the principle of the three Hebrews was made manifest** when Nebuchadnezzar commanded them to worship the golden image in the plain of Dura. We can see what our duty is when the truth is overborne by falsehood.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 13, 71.

TOO LATE

“**Let none follow the example of the foolish virgins, and think that it will be safe to wait until the crisis comes before gaining a preparation of character to stand in that time. It will be too late** to seek for the righteousness of Christ when the guests are called in and examined. **Now is the time** to put on the righteousness of Christ,—the wedding garment that will fit you to enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb. In the parable, the foolish virgins are represented as begging for oil, and failing to receive it at their request. This is symbolic of **those who have not prepared themselves by developing a character to stand in a time of crisis.** It is as if they should go to their neighbors and say, Give me your character, or I shall be lost. Those that were wise could not impart their oil to the flickering lamps of the foolish virgins. Character is not transferable. It is not to be bought or sold; it is to be acquired. The Lord has given to every individual an opportunity to obtain a righteous character **through the hours of probation;** but he has not provided a way by which one human agent may impart to another the character which he has developed by going through hard experiences, by learning lessons from the great Teacher, so that he can manifest patience under trial, and exercise faith so that he can remove mountains of impossibility. It is impossible to impart the fragrance of love,—to give to another gentleness, tact, and perseverance. It is impossible for one human heart to pour into another the love of God and humanity.

“But the day is coming, and it is close upon us, when every phase of character will be revealed by special temptation. Those who remain true to principle, who exercise faith to the end, **will be those who have proved true under test and trial during the previous hours of their probation,** and have formed characters after the likeness of Christ.” *The Youth’s Instructor*, January 16, 1896.

“Foreign nations will follow the example of the United States. Though she leads out, yet the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world.” *Testimonies*, volume 6, 395.

CRISIS/SHAKING

“**In every religious crisis** some fall under temptation. **The shaking of God blows away multitudes like dry leaves.** Prosperity multiplies a mass of professors. **Adversity purges them out of the church.** As a class, their spirits are not steadfast with God. They go out from us because they are not of us; for when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, many are offended.” *Testimonies*, volume 4, 89.

“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.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 4, 1161.

“**All the way along in the history of the third angel’s message** there have been found among the believers men who have done much harm to God’s cause. These men are spots in our feasts of charity; **tares among the wheat; wolves** among the sheep, ready to bite and devour. Delighting to bear false witness, they cruelly injure the reputation of others. Every such one will be rewarded ‘according to his works.’ God ‘hath appointed **a day**, in the which he will judge the world.’ **Then** will be made the separation between the wheat and the tares. In that day **it will be clearly revealed** that those who seek to destroy the reputation of God’s servants are hypocrites. By their own lips will be borne the testimony that will clear from suspicion those against whom they have reported evil.” *Review and Herald*, May 12, 1903.

“**Now** is our **day of probation**, and we are **now** to perfect characters **that will stand the test of the judgment.** When Christ comes, there is to be **no change of character**; this mortal shall put on immortality, and this corruption shall put on incorruption; and those who are alive and remain upon the earth will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, if their characters are blameless and pure. **Transformation of character must take place during the precious hours of probation.**” *Signs of the Times*, August 29, 1892.

“**The character building is to go on during the hours of probation.** Day by day their actions are registered in the books of heaven, and they will, in **the great day of God**, be rewarded as their works have been. It will then be seen who receives the blessing. ‘Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.’” *Review and Herald*, August 25, 1885.

THE MIDNIGHT THIEF

“The Lord is coming speedily, yet, notwithstanding his professed people read the signs of the times,—of famines, of thousands being swept away by earthquakes and floods, by fire, by calamities by sea and land, by plague, by war and bloodshed,—the love of self so deadens the spiritual sense that **the day of the Lord will come upon them as a thief in the night**, and he declares, ‘They shall not escape.’ The Lord is to judge both quick and dead at his appearing and his kingdom. Will these stand in their pride and self-glorification before that tribunal, **when the judgment will sit, and the books will be opened**, and every man shall be judged according as his works have been?” *Pamphlets 157*, 6.

DESTINY FIXED FOREVER

“But there is a day that God hath appointed for the close of this world’s history. ‘This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.’ Prophecy is fast fulfilling. More, much more, should be said about these tremendously important subjects. **The day is at hand when the destiny of every soul will be fixed forever. This day of the Lord** hastens on apace. The false watchmen are raising the cry, ‘All is well’; but **the day of God** is rapidly approaching. Its footsteps are so muffled that it does not arouse the world from the deathlike slumber into which it has fallen. While the watchmen cry, ‘Peace and safety,’ ‘sudden destruction cometh upon them,’ ‘and they shall not escape’; ‘for as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.’ It overtakes the pleasure-lover and the sinful man as a thief in the night. When all is apparently secure, and men retire to contented rest, then the prowling, stealthy, **midnight thief** steals upon his prey. When it is too late to prevent the evil, it is discovered that some door or window was not secured. ‘Be ye also ready: for in an such hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.’ People are now settling to rest, imagining themselves secure under the popular churches; but let all beware, lest there is a place left open for the enemy to gain an entrance. Great pains should be taken to keep this subject before the people. The solemn fact is to be kept not only before the people of the world, but before our own churches also, that **the day of the Lord will come suddenly, unexpectedly**. The fearful warning of the prophecy is addressed to every soul. Let no one feel that he is secure from the danger of being surprised. Let no one’s interpretation of prophecy rob you of the conviction of the knowledge of events which show that this great event is near at hand.” *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, 335.

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AN APPOINTED TIME TO BIND OFF THE WORK

“The third angel’s message is to be sounded by God’s people. It is to swell to the loud cry. **The Lord has a time appointed** when he will **bind** off the work; but **when is that time?** When the truth to be proclaimed for these last days shall go forth as a witness to all nations, then shall the end come. **If the power of Satan can come into the very temple of God, and manipulate things as he pleases, the time of preparation will be prolonged.**” *The 1888 Materials*, 1525.

THE DAY OF THE LORD & THE CLOSE OF PROBATION

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“The scenes of this earth’s history are rapidly passing, and **our probation** is soon to close. Many of us who profess to be Christians are unready, and have not the **preparation** required to meet **that fearful day**, when in Heaven it shall be said, ‘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.’ It is for us to bend all our energies to obtain the necessary **preparation** for that important time.” *Review and Herald*, March 29, 1870.

DAY OF GOD’S PREPARATION

“I cannot express to you the intense desire of my soul that you should all seek the Lord most earnestly **while he may be found**. We are in **the day of God’s preparation**. Let nothing be regarded as of sufficient worth to draw your minds from **the work of preparing for the great Day of Judgment**. Get ready.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 592.

PREPARED TO STAND IN THE DAY OF THE LORD

“This has been repeated to me so many times, ‘**It is the day of God’s preparation to prepare a people to stand in the day of the Lord.**’” *Sermons and Talks*, volume 2, 90.

“I saw that many were neglecting the **preparation** so needful and were looking to the time of ‘refreshing’ and the ‘latter rain’ to **fit them to stand in the day of the Lord** and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation; therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God. Those who refuse to be hewed by the prophets and fail to purify their souls in obeying the whole truth, and who are willing to believe that their condition is far better than it really is, will come up to the time of the falling of the plagues, and then see that they needed to be hewed and squared for the building. But there will be no time then to do it and no Mediator to plead their cause before the Father. Before this time the awfully solemn declaration has gone forth, ‘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.’ I saw that none could share the ‘refreshing’ unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should, therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord and be earnestly seeking that preparation necessary to enable us to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. Let all remember that God is holy and that none but holy beings can ever dwell in His presence.” *Early Writings*, 72.

“The anointed ones standing by the Lord of the whole earth, have the position once given to Satan as covering cherub. By **the holy beings surrounding his throne**, the Lord keeps up **a constant communication** with the inhabitants of the earth. The golden oil represents the grace with which God keeps the lamps of believers supplied, that they shall not flicker and go out. Were it not that this holy oil is poured from heaven in **the messages of God’s Spirit**, the agencies of evil would have entire control over men.

“God is dishonored when we do not receive **the communications** which he sends us. **Thus we refuse the golden oil** which he would pour into our souls **to be communicated to those in darkness**. When the call shall come, ‘Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,’ those who have not received the holy oil, who have not cherished the grace of Christ in their hearts, will find, like the foolish virgins, that they are not ready to meet their Lord. They have not, in themselves, the power to obtain the oil, and their lives are wrecked. But if God’s Holy Spirit is asked for, if we plead, as did Moses, ‘Show me thy glory,’ the love of God will be shed abroad in our hearts. **Through the golden pipes, the golden oil will be communicated to us**. ‘Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.’ By receiving the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness, God’s children shine as lights in the world.” *Review and Herald*, July 20, 1897.