

Living Without a

Mediator

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THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE OF REVELATION 14:6, 7 PROCLAIMS THE "HOUR OF HIS JUDGMENT" IN 1844



**THE HOUR OF HIS JUDGMENT
IS ASSOCIATED WITH CHRIST
CLEANSING THE SANCTUARY
(DAN 8:14)**

VIEW OF THE CLEANSING OF THE SANCTUARY

Many interpreted this prior to 1844 as follows

The sanctuary is the earth

When is the cleansing of the earth?

At the Second Advent.

When will that be?

At the end of the period of 2300 prophetic days or 2300 years in 1844

Note: 1 prophetic day is 1 solar year

Result: The Great Disappointment of 1844



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Intense renewed study of the cleansing of the sanctuary.

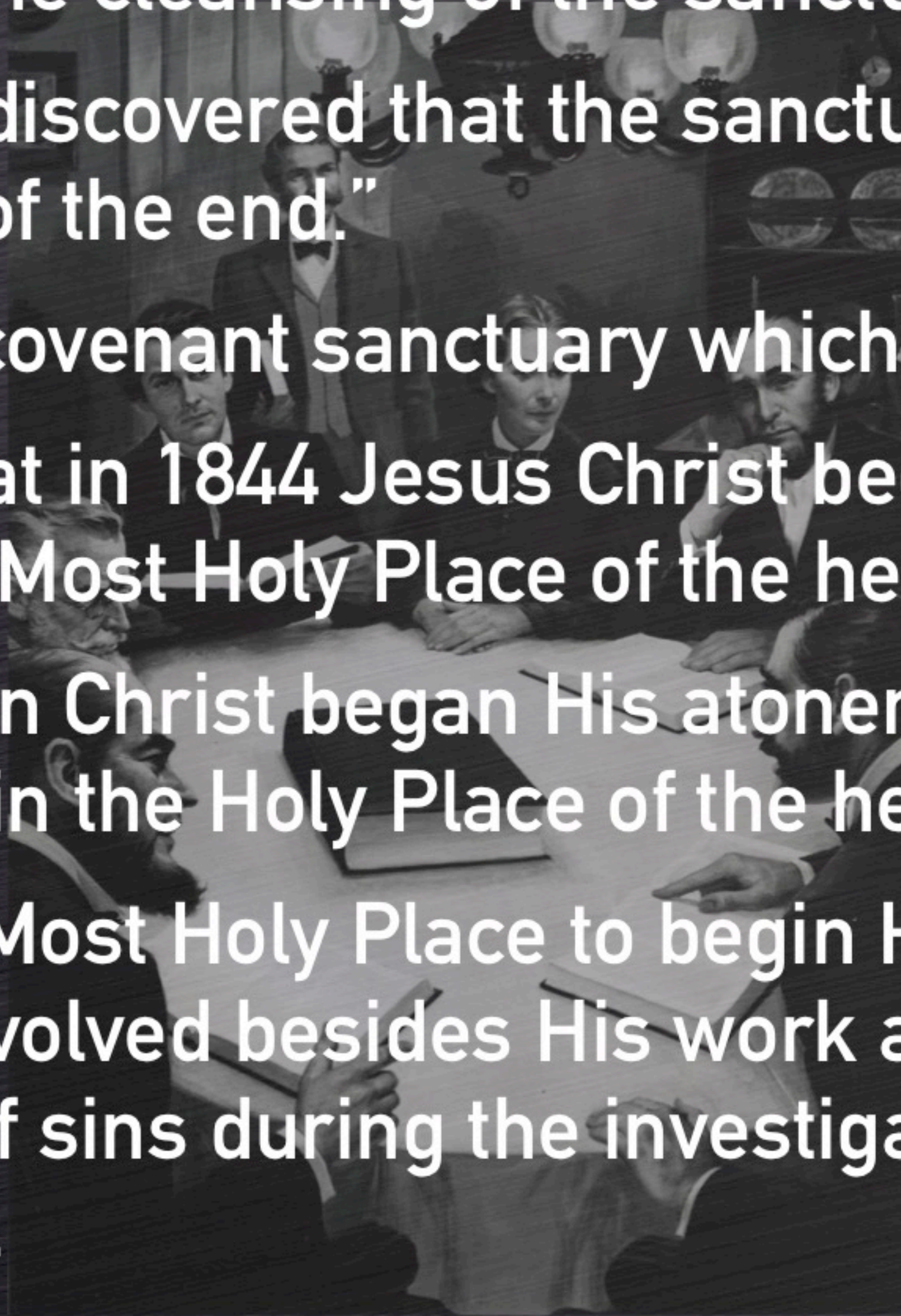
From Dan 8:17 Adventists discovered that the sanctuary in Dan 8:14 relates to the sanctuary in the "time of the end."

This sanctuary is the new covenant sanctuary which is in heaven (Heb 8:1, 2).

This led to the new light that in 1844 Jesus Christ began the final phase of His High Priest ministry in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary.

In 31 AD after His ascension Christ began His atonement ministry as Mediator for the forgiveness of sins in the Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary.

In 1844 Christ entered the Most Holy Place to begin His antitypical day of atonement ministry that involved besides His work as Mediator, His final atonement of blotting out of sins during the investigative judgment (Early Writings, pp. 251, 253, 260).



THE SANCTUARY DOCTRINE REVEALS A COMPLETE SYSTEM OF TRUTH FOR GOD'S PEOPLE SINCE 1844

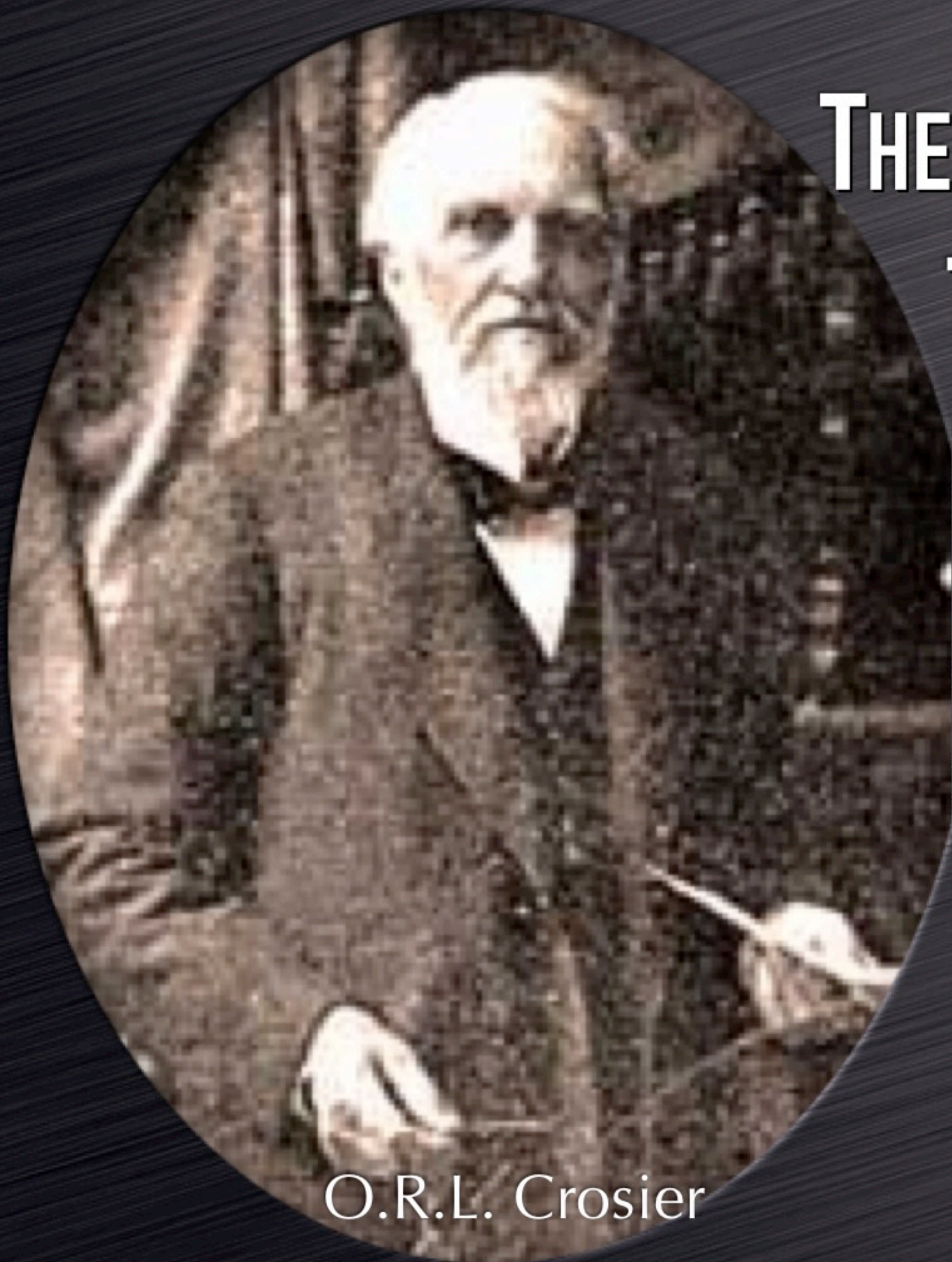


“The subject of the sanctuary was the key which unlocked the mystery of the disappointment of 1844.

“It opened to view a complete system of truth, connected and harmonious, showing that God’s hand had directed the great advent movement and revealing present duty as it brought to light the position and work of His people” (*Great Controversy*, p. 423).

NEW LIGHT ON CHRIST'S CLEANSING WORK IN THE TIME OF THE END





O.R.L. Crosier

THE CLEANSING OF THE SANCTUARY IN TWO DIMENSIONS SINCE 1844

“There is a literal and a spiritual temple—the literal being the Sanctuary in New Jerusalem (literal city), and the spiritual the church—the literal occupied by Jesus Christ, our King and Priest, Jn 14:2, Heb 8:2; 9:11; the spiritual by the Holy Ghost. 1 Cor 3:17; 6:19, Eph 2:20-22.



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“Between these two there is a perfect concert of action, as Christ ‘prepares the place,’ the Spirit does the people. When he came to his temple, the sanctuary, to cleanse it, the Spirit commenced the special cleansing of the people. Mal 3:1-3” (Crosier, “The Law of Moses,” *Day-Star, Extra*, Feb. 7, 1846).

NEED FOR A SPECIAL CLEANSING BEFORE CHRIST'S RETURN

Mal 3:1-3:

“Behold, I will send my messenger, and He shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, [Most Holy Place in the heavenly sanctuary]. . .

“But **WHO** may abide the day of His coming? and **WHO** shall stand when He appeareth [Christ's Second Advent]? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

“And He [Holy Spirit] shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi [God's people], and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.”

WHY DO GOD'S PEOPLE NEED CLEANSING?

They must prepare to receive the seal of the living God

"I . . . saw that many do not realize what they must be in order to live in the sight of the Lord without a high priest in the sanctuary through the time of trouble.

"Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully. . . .

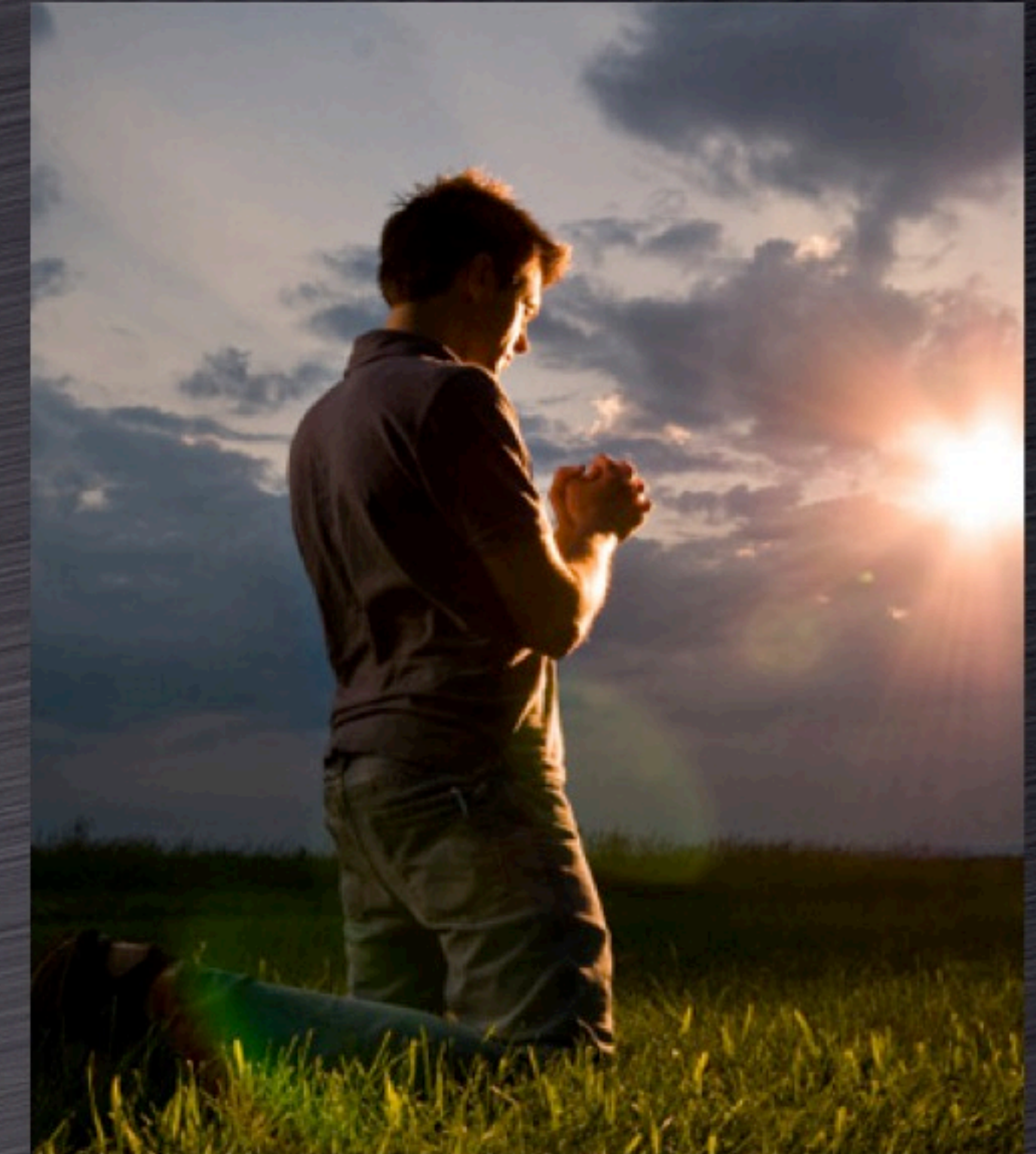


WHY DO GOD'S PEOPLE NEED CLEANSING?

They must prepare to receive the Latter Rain

"I saw that none could share the 'refreshing' (Latter Rain) 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" (Early Writings, p. 71).



Conclusion: Need of believers: Victory over every sin

How to accomplish this: Drawing nearer to Jesus so they can be cleansed by the Holy Spirit and stand in the Day of the Lord

WERE ADVENTISTS READY FOR JESUS' RETURN IN 1844?

What was their condition?

Many loved the Lord dearly and had sacrificed **everything**



WERE ADVENTISTS READY FOR JESUS' RETURN IN 1844?

Were they ready to meet alive their Lord?

They "were not yet ready to meet their Lord"

(Great Gontroversy, p. 424)



WHY WERE THEY NOT READY?

“They were not free from errors.

“And I saw the mercy and goodness of God in sending a warning to the people of the earth, and repeated messages to lead them to a diligent searching of heart, and study of the Scriptures, that they might divest themselves of errors which have been handed down from the heathen and papists.

“Through these messages God has been bringing out His people where He can work for them in greater power, and where they can keep all His commandments” (Early Writings, p. 250).

WHAT WERE THEIR ERRORS IN 1844?

They had many unbiblical practices, like keeping Sunday, a pagan Sabbath, and infant baptism

Many were not practicing temperance and health reform, defiling their bodies through the use of tobacco, alcohol, tea, coffee, unclean foods, wearing jewelry and adornments.

Many had erroneous ideas about the Godhead, tithing, foot washing, immortality of the soul, everlasting hellfire of the wicked, Christ High Priestly ministry, His atonement on the cross, righteousness by faith, justification and sanctification by faith, the faith of Jesus and victory over sin, etc.

WHEN DOES CHRIST RETURN?

Acts 3:19-21

“Repent therefore and be converted...that He may send Jesus Christ...whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things”

“When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own” (Christ’s Object Lessons, p. 69).

Observation:

Christ’s Second Advent takes place when all truth is restored and practiced among God’s remnant people. Then they reflect Christ’s character.

THE HOLY SPIRIT RESTORES ALL TRUTH TO PURIFY GOD'S REMNANT PEOPLE



HOLY SPIRIT USES CHRIST'S LAST MESSAGE OF MERCY TO PURIFY GOD'S REMNANT

Rev 14:6-12: The three angels' messages

Rev 14:6, 7: First angel's message proclaims
the everlasting Gospel to the whole world

Calls for repentance: Fear God, give glory to Him

Announces that the hour of His judgment has come

Calls to worship God the Creator

THE THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES

CHRIST'S LAST MESSAGE OF MERCY

Rev 14:8: The second angel's message.

Announces the fall of Babylon because she has affected all nations with her false doctrines.

Rev 14:9-11: The third angel's message.

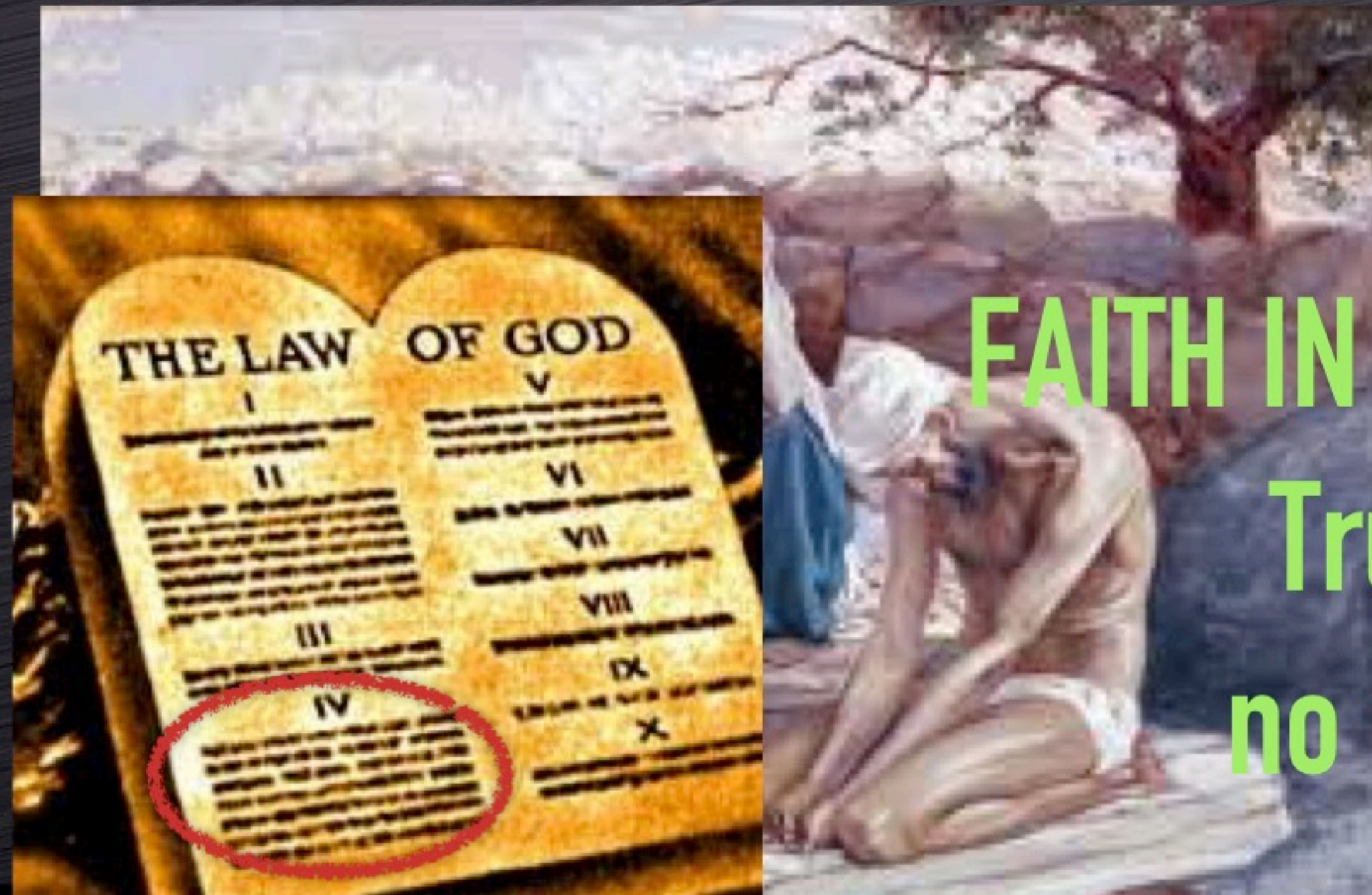
Warning not to worship the beast and his image and receive his mark on his forehead or on his hand.

WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THESE MESSAGES?

The Three Angels' Messages Produces Faith

Rev 14:12: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

FAITH IN HIS WORD:
SABBATH—God
means exactly what
He says



FAITH IN HIS PROVIDENCE:
Trusting God,
no matter what

EFFECT OF THE THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES

Rev 14:12: It produces

Believers who “keep the commandments of God.”

Believers who keep “the faith of Jesus.”

Those who accept these messages keep God's Law the Ten Commandments perfectly. This law they are able to obey through the faith of Jesus which gives them the victory over the sin to transgress God's law,

Here is revealed the perfect relation between the Ten Commandments and the Gospel—the faith of Jesus.

WHAT IS THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE?



“The third angel is represented as flying through heaven, proclaiming the commandments of God and the **faith of Jesus**. This message is to prepare a people for the coming of Christ.”

(Historical Sketches, p. 234)

HOW DO WE OBTAIN RIGHTEOUSNESS?



“Even the righteousness of God which is by **faith of Jesus Christ** unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”

Rom 3:22

HOW ARE WE JUSTIFIED?



“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the **faith of Jesus Christ**, even we have **believed in Jesus Christ**, that we might be **justified by the faith of Christ**, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.” Gal 2:16

NOT MY FAITH, BUT JESUS' FAITH



“And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the **faith of Christ**, the **righteousness which is of God** by faith” Phil 3:9

WE ARE PRESENTLY ON PROBATION

“Our time is precious. We have but a few, a very few, days of **probation** in which to make ready for the future, immortal life” (Child Guidance, p. 555).

pro·ba·tion

/prōˈbāSH(ə)n/ 

noun **LAW**

the release of an offender from detention, subject to a period of good behavior under supervision.

"I went to court and was **put on probation**"

- the process or period of testing or observing the character or abilities of a person in a certain role, for example, a new employee.

"for an initial period of probation your manager will closely monitor your progress"

synonyms: trial period, test period, experimental period, [trial](#); [More](#)

HOW TO USE THE TIME OF PROBATION

the time for overcoming

“Many are deceiving themselves **by thinking that the character will be transformed at the coming of Christ**, but there will be no conversion of heart at His appearing. Our defects of character must here be repented of, and through the grace of Christ we must overcome them while probation shall last. This is the place for fitting up for the family above” (Adventist Home, p. 319).

PURPOSE OF PROBATION

all can obtain help to overcome

“All are accountable for their actions **while in this world upon probation.** All have power to control their actions, if they will. If they are weak in virtue and purity of thoughts, and acts, they can obtain help from the Friend of the helpless. Jesus is acquainted with all the weaknesses of human nature, and if entreated, will give strength to overcome the most powerful temptations. All can obtain this strength if they seek for it in humility” (Child Guidance, p. 466).

PROBATION

Probation is for what?

Time to choose Jesus as Lord and Savior

Time to overcome sin with the faith of Jesus (get ready for Jesus to come)

Time to develop faith and be cleansed by the Holy Spirit

This is the time to prepare others for Jesus' return

Two ways for probation to close:

Death

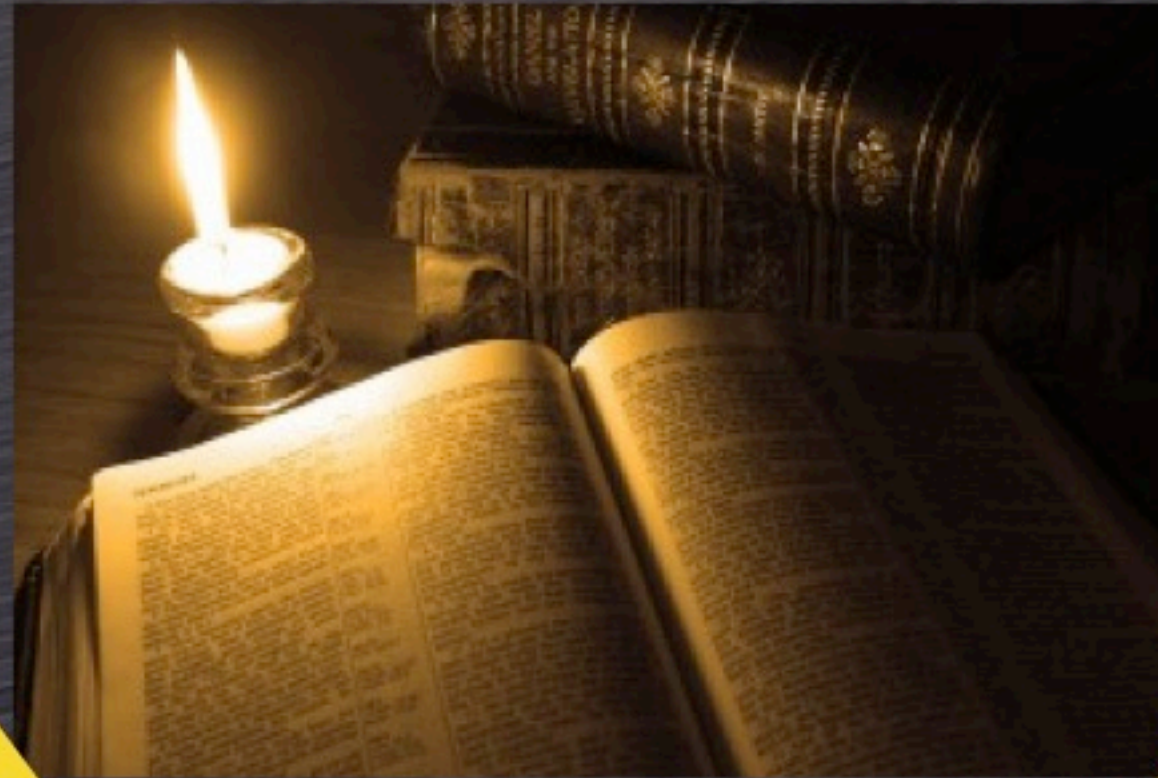
Michael Stand up—close of probation

Close of probation
"He that is holy, let him be
holy still"

“Ever are we to keep in mind the solemn thought of the Lord’s soon return, and in view of this to recognize the **individual work to be done**. Through the aid of the Holy Spirit we are to **resist natural inclinations and tendencies to wrong, and weed out of the life every un-Christlike element**. Thus we shall **prepare our hearts** for the reception of God’s blessing, which will impart to us grace and bring us into **harmony with the faith of Jesus**. For this work of preparation great advantages have been granted to this people in light bestowed, in **messages of warning and instruction, sent through the agency of the Spirit of God**” (In Heavenly Places, p. 347).

MESSAGES OF WARNING

Bible



Spirit of Prophecy

“Thy Words were found
And I did eat them
And Thy Words were
Unto me the **joy**
And rejoicing of my heart
For I am called by Thy name”
(Jer 15:16).



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Acts 17:11

Received with

Joy

Anything,

God!

Received with
Readiness



**CHRIST'S LAST WARNING OF MERCY
BEFORE THE CLOSE OF PROBATION**

**PURIFYING WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE
LATTER RAIN OF REVELATION 18:1**

CHRIST'S FINAL INVITATION FOR THE SECOND ADVENT

“But near the close of earth's harvest, a special bestowal of spiritual grace is promised to prepare the church for the coming of the Son of man. This outpouring of the Spirit is likened to the falling of the latter rain.” (Acts of the Apostles, p. 55)

PURPOSE OF THE LATTER RAIN

It prepares for the time of trouble

“It is the latter rain which revives and strengthens them [God’s people] to pass through the time of trouble” (Review and Herald, May 27, 1862).

It fits persons for the latter rain and translation

“Those who come up to every point, and stand every test, and overcome, be the price what it may, have heeded the counsel of the True Witness, and they will receive the latter rain, and thus be fitted for translation” (Testimonies, Vol. 1, p. 187).

HOW TO BE PART OF THE LATTER RAIN?

“The third angel’s message is swelling into a loud cry, and you must not feel at liberty to neglect the present duty, and still entertain the idea that at some future time you will be the recipients of great blessing, when without any effort on your part a wonderful revival will take place. . . . “Today you are to have your vessel purified, that it may be ready for the heavenly dew, ready for the showers of the latter rain; for the latter rain will come, and the blessing of God will fill every soul that is purified from every defilement” (Evangelism, p. 701)

INVITATION FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“It is our work today to yield our souls to Christ, that we may be fitted for the time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord—fitted for the baptism of the Holy Spirit” (Evangelism, p. 701).

THE CLOSE OF PROBATION

Daniel 12:1

Situation at the time of Close of Probation

Christ has finished His antitypical High Priestly service in the heavenly sanctuary. There is **no more forgiveness** for sinners. God's wrath is to be poured on the wicked in the 7th day of the week.

How can humans survive this time of trouble?

Who is able to stand in this Day of Wrath?

Rev 7:2, 3

Only those who receive the seal of the living God in their foreheads will be protected



WHEN CHRIST FINISHED HIS ATONING MINISTRY



“At that time shall Michael [Christ] stand up, the great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book” (Daniel 12:1).



Mamertine Prison

“When those early Christians were exiled to mountains and deserts, when left in dungeons to die with hunger, cold, and torture, when martyrdom seemed the only way out of their distress, they **rejoiced** that they were counted worthy to suffer for Christ, who was crucified for them. Their worthy example will be a comfort and encouragement to the people of God who will be brought into the time of trouble such as never was.” (Christian Experience ,

p. 188)

WHEN MICHAEL STANDS UP



“When our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, He will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out” (Early Writings, p. 36).

WITHOUT A MEDIATOR



A Mediator is only necessary for believers who are still sinning.

Since all cases have been decided—either a person has overcome their sins and received the seal of the living God, or will have the mark of the beast.

Angels let go the 4 winds of strife

WITHOUT AN INTERCESSOR

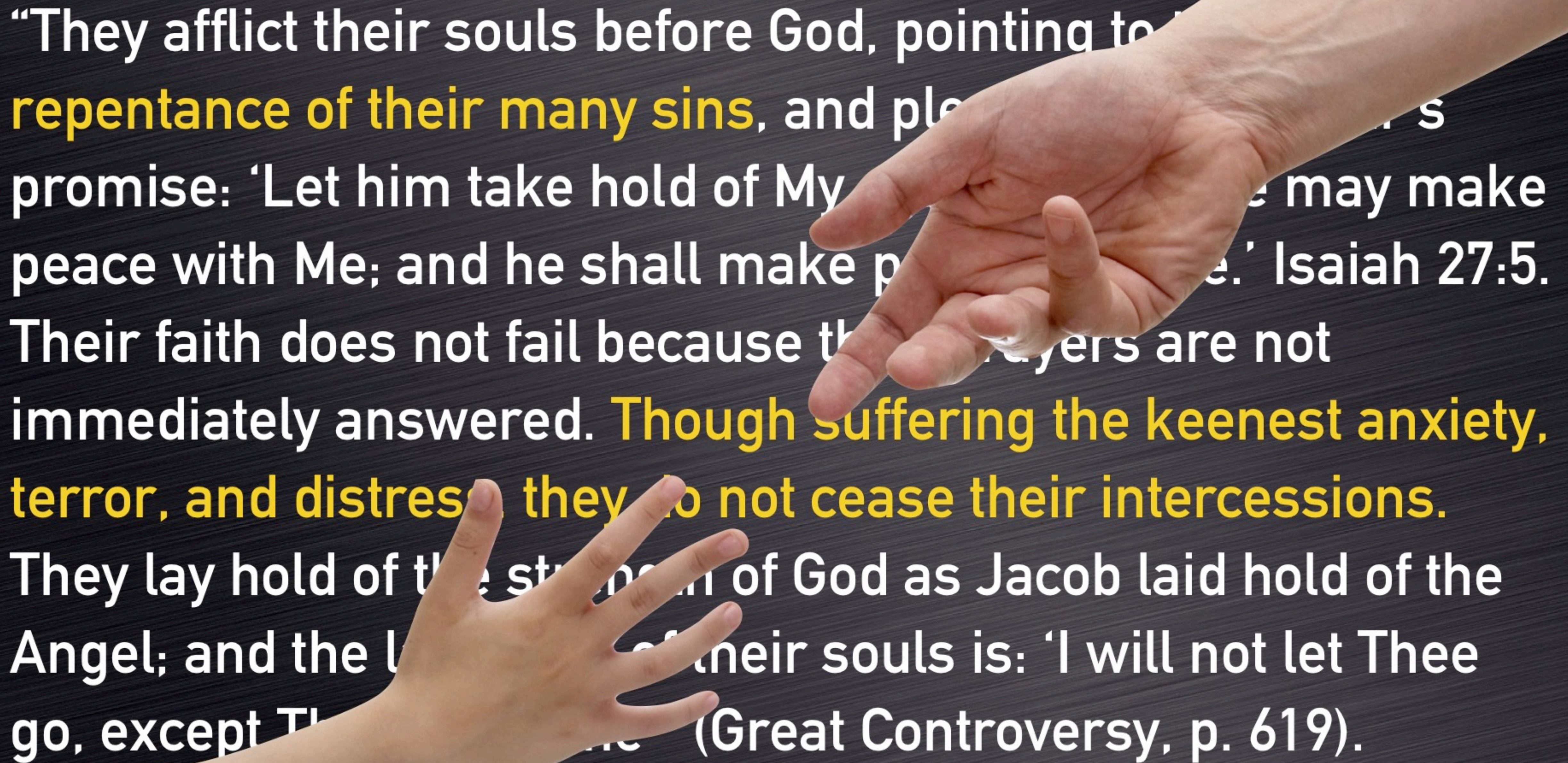
“When He [Jesus] leaves the sanctuary, darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth. In that fearful time the righteous must live in the sight of a holy God **without an intercessor**” (Great Controversy, p. 614).

They will need no intercessor because they are sealed.

But we will ALWAYS need Jesus, His faith, and His grace to resist Satan's temptations until the Second Advent.

“As Satan accuses the people of God on account of their sins, the Lord permits him to try them to the uttermost. Their confidence in God, their faith and firmness, will be severely tested. As they review the past, their hopes sink; for in their whole lives they can see little good. They are **fully conscious of their weakness and unworthiness**. Satan endeavors to **terrify** them with the thought that their cases are **hopeless**, that the stain of their defilement will never be washed away. He hopes that they will **take** that they will yield to his temptations and **turn** their allegiance to God. (Great Controversy, p. 316).

ACCUSER

The image features two hands, one from the top right and one from the bottom left, reaching towards each other. The background is dark with a subtle wood-grain texture. Overlaid on this background is white text, with several phrases highlighted in yellow. The text is a quote from the Great Controversy, discussing the faith of the righteous during times of affliction and their reliance on God's promises.

“They afflict their souls before God, pointing to His promise: **repentance of their many sins**, and pleading His promise: ‘Let him take hold of My hand, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me.’ Isaiah 27:5. Their faith does not fail because their prayers are not immediately answered. **Though suffering the keenest anxiety, terror, and distress, they do not cease their intercessions.** They lay hold of the strength of God as Jacob laid hold of the Angel; and the language of their souls is: ‘I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me.’ (Great Controversy, p. 619).

SINS HAVE GONE AHEAD TO JUDGMENT

“So, in the time of trouble, if the people of God had unconfessed sins to appear before them while tortured with fear and anguish, they would be overwhelmed; despair would cut off their faith, and they could not have confidence to plead with God for deliverance.

But while they have a deep sense of their unworthiness, they have no concealed wrongs to reveal. Their sins have gone beforehand to judgment [Ti 5:24] and have been blotted out, and they cannot bring them to remembrance” (Great Controversy, p. 620).

TOO LATE FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE THIS!

“Satan leads many to believe that God will overlook their unfaithfulness in the minor affairs of life; but the Lord shows in His dealings with Jacob that He will in no wise sanction or tolerate evil. All who endeavor to excuse or conceal their sins, and permit them to remain upon the books of heaven, unconfessed and unforgiven, will be overcome by Satan.

Those who do a vain search for the favor of God, and do not obtain it in this way, will find it in the next life. The case of all such is hopeless” (Great Controversy, p. 21)

HOPELESS

**CAN THE LAST GENERATION LIVE
THROUGH THE TIME OF TROUBLE
WITHOUT SINNING?**

WILL SIN STILL BE REMOVED DURING THE TIME OF TROUBLE?

Some who think that believers will still sin till the Second Advent point to Ellen White's statement of their experience during the time of trouble that "it is needful for them to be placed in the furnace of fire; their **earthliness must be consumed**, that the image of Christ may be perfectly reflected" (Great Controversy, p. 621).

WILL SIN BE REMOVED

DURING THE TIME OF TROUBLE?

This, they think, means that believers are still in need of “God’s atoning grace” to remove their earthliness that prevents them from reflecting the image of Christ perfectly.

Reply: This earthliness is associated with the pull of their sinful natures. It cannot be sins, since sins must be repented of during the pre-Advent judgment to be forgiven or they will extinguish faith.

HOPE FOR A SPECIAL CLASS OF BELIEVERS

The context of this statement shows that Ellen White deals here with a special class of believers who “have been deceived and tempted and betrayed into sin, but who have returned unto Him with true repentance” before the close of probation. Through their memories of past sins “Satan seeks to destroy this class,” but “God will send His angels to comfort and protect them in the time of peril” (Great Controversy, p. 621).

ROLE OF FAITH IN THE TIME OF TROUBLE

Note: Sins have been sent before to judgment; they are atoned for.

During the Time of Trouble, without a Mediator, it is **one's faith and total dependence of God that is tried** — and strengthened.

Even Jesus on the cross could not see His Father's face. He, by FAITH knew His Father was there. He too depended on the promises!

Truly. Faith IS the VICTORY that overcomes the world!

HELP FOR THOSE WHO EXERCISE LITTLE FAITH

“Those who **exercise but little faith now**, . . . will be plunged into deeper distress and anguish in the time of trouble, because they have never made it a habit to trust in God. The **lessons of faith** which they have neglected they will be forced to learn under a terrible pressure of discouragement” (Great Controversy, p. 622).

DO OUR SINFUL NATURES PREVENT VICTORY OVER SIN UNTIL THE SECOND ADVENT?

Some quote Ellen White, "The closer we come to Jesus, the more faulty you will appear in your own eyes." Bible Echo, Dec. 1, 1892.
There seems no victory possible.

Reply: Although we appear more faulty in our own eyes, it does not mean that we are still committing sins. Instead, we are perceiving our weaknesses more clearly and sense our need of Christ's strength and the faith of Jesus.

CONTEXT OF ELLEN WHITE'S STATEMENT

There is still hope for these believers to survive the time of trouble, so that they will be able to progress to reflecting the image of Christ perfectly. However during this progress they will not continue to sin. They will have to fight temptations and the cravings of their sinful nature, but they will be overcomers through the faith of Jesus and not commit sins. Keep in mind that having a sinful nature is not sin, nor do we have to sin!

