



THE NATIONS ARE ANGRY

And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great;

Revelation 11:18

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and **ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.** And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and **shall hate one another.** And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, **the love of many shall wax cold.** But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Matthew 24:9-13

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 12:17

It is the dragon that is wroth; it is the spirit of Satan that is revealed in anger and accusing. But God's servants are to be representatives of Him..And the spirit that is kept gentle under provocation will speak more effectively in favor of the truth than will any argument, however forcible.

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The Wrath of the Dragon

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and **he spake as a dragon.**

Revelation 13:11

And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to **them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast,** which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that **as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.**

Revelation 13:14-15

4 Phases of the Sunday Law

1. **No Work Sundays** - Image to the Beast Set Up
2. **Enforced Sunday Worship but Sabbath Worship Still Permitted** - Image of the Beast Lives and Speaks, Mark of the Beast begins
3. **Sabbath Worship Forbidden** - No Buying or Selling, Whole World Follows
4. **Death Penalty**



ANGER INCREASES

What Makes the Nations Angry at the Saints?

While appearing to the children of men as a great physician who can heal all their maladies, he will bring disease and disaster, until populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation. Even now he is at work. In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power.

GC 589.3

He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. These visitations are to become **more and more frequent and disastrous.** Destruction will be upon both man and beast.

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And then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils. The class that have provoked the displeasure of Heaven will charge all their troubles upon those whose obedience to God's commandments is a perpetual reproof to transgressors.

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It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced; and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity.

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Those who honor the Bible Sabbath will be denounced as enemies of law and order, as breaking down the moral restraints of society, causing anarchy and corruption, and calling down the judgments of God upon the earth. Their conscientious scruples will be pronounced obstinacy, stubbornness, and contempt of authority.

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They will be accused of disaffection toward the government. Ministers who deny the obligation of the divine law will present from the pulpit the duty of yielding obedience to the civil authorities as ordained of God. In legislative halls and courts of justice, commandment keepers will be misrepresented and condemned. A false coloring will be given to their words; the worst construction will be put upon their motives.

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Those who honor the law of God have been accused of bringing judgments upon the world, and **they will be regarded as the cause** of the fearful convulsions of nature and the strife and bloodshed among men that are filling the earth with woe. The power attending the last warning has enraged the wicked; their anger is kindled against all who have received the message, and **Satan will excite to still greater intensity the spirit of hatred and persecution.**

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As the Sabbath has become the special point of controversy throughout Christendom, and religious and secular authorities have combined to enforce the observance of the Sunday, the persistent refusal of a small minority to yield to the popular demand will make them **objects of universal execration**. It will be urged that the few who stand in opposition to an institution of the church and a law of the state **ought not to be tolerated; that it is better for them to suffer than for whole nations to be thrown into confusion and lawlessness.**

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What Makes the Nations Angry at the Saints?

- Satan causes supernatural calamities to fall upon the earth as God's restraints are withdrawn. His signs and miracles delude the people.
 - God's people are blamed as existential threats to the survival of humanity.
 - They will be called evil, anarchists, obstinate, contemptible, execrable, irredeemable, deplorable, dangerous, deranged, terrorists, conspiracy theorists, extremists, traitors, insurrectionists, and many other epithets.
 - The angry mob speaks as the angry dragon declaring, "Better they suffer than the whole world."
 - *"Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not." John 11:50*
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This has
happened before.

And Satan with his angels, in human form, was present at the cross. The archfiend and his hosts were co-operating with the priests and rulers. The teachers of the people had stimulated the ignorant mob to pronounce judgment against One upon whom many of them had never looked, until urged to bear testimony against Him. Priests, rulers, Pharisees, and the hardened rabble were confederated together in a satanic frenzy. Religious rulers united with Satan and his angels. They were doing his bidding.

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The world is no more in harmony with the principles of Christ today than it was in the days of the apostles. **The same hatred** that prompted the cry, “Crucify Him! crucify Him!” **the same hatred** that led to the persecution of the disciples, **still works in the children of disobedience.**

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Of the multitude that followed the Saviour to Calvary, many had attended Him with joyful hosannas and the waving of palm branches as He rode triumphantly into Jerusalem. **But not a few who had then shouted His praise, because it was popular to do so, now swelled the cry of “Crucify Him, crucify Him.”**

DA 743.3

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.

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By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren.

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- Vaccines/Masks
 - Elections & Politics
 - Socialism/Capitalism
 - Abortion
 - Climate Change
 - Racism/BLM/White Supremacy
 - LGBTQ
 - Immigration/Refugees
 - Women's Ordination
 - Misinformation/Disinformation
 - Conspiracy theories
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Enrage to Engage: How Attention Economy Profits From Outrage While Driving Us Crazy

“Anger is the emotion that travels fastest and farthest on social media, compared to all other emotions. As a result, those who post angry messages will inevitably have the greatest influence, and social media platforms will tend to be dominated by anger.”

“Each word of moral outrage added to a tweet increases the rate of retweets by 17%.”

Anger sells on social media. It’s an addiction.

Are we too ENRAGED at each other to be
ENGAGED in saving each other?

Are we too busy being OUTRAGED that we
neglect doing OUTREACH?

Are we characterized by our DISCORD, or by
our being in ONE ACCORD?



**Remember what cost
Moses' entrance into
the Promised Land.**

What can we do?

1. Be Converted

But bear in mind that **the live coal from the altar must first touch your lips.** Then the words you speak will be wise and holy words. Then you will have **wisdom to know what to say and what to leave unsaid.** You will not try to reveal your smartness as theologians. You will be careful **not to arouse a combative spirit or excite prejudice by introducing controverted points of doctrine.** You will find enough to talk about that will not excite opposition, but that will open the heart to desire a deeper knowledge of God's word.

1. Be Converted

Cultivate the habit of speaking well of others. Dwell upon the good qualities of those with whom you associate, and see as little as possible of their errors and failings. **When tempted to complain of what someone has said or done, praise something in that person's life or character.** Cultivate thankfulness. Praise God for His wonderful love in giving Christ to die for us. **It never pays to think of our grievances.** God calls upon us to think of His mercy and His matchless love, that we may be inspired with praise.

2. Esteem Others Better than Ourselves

- *Philippians 2:3,4 - Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*
 - *Romans 14:21 - It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.*
 - *Acts 16:3 - Him [Timothy] would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.*
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3. Get Offline, Minister to People in Person

Hebrews 10:24-25 - *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

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The example of Christ in linking Himself with the interests of humanity should be followed by all who preach His word, and by all who have received the gospel of His grace. **We are not to renounce social communion. We should not seclude ourselves from others.** In order to reach all classes, we must meet them where they are. They will seldom seek us of their own accord. Not alone from the pulpit are the hearts of men touched by divine truth. **There is another field of labor, humbler, it may be, but fully as promising.** It is found in the home of the lowly, and in the mansion of the great; at the hospitable board, and in gatherings for innocent social enjoyment.

4. Treat “Traitors” Like Jesus Did

The disciples knew nothing of the purpose of Judas. Jesus alone could read his secret. Yet He did not expose him. **Jesus hungered for his soul.** He felt for him such a burden as for Jerusalem when He wept over the doomed city. His heart was crying, How can I give thee up? **The constraining power of that love was felt by Judas.** When the Saviour's hands were bathing those soiled feet, and wiping them with the towel, **the heart of Judas thrilled through and through with the impulse then and there to confess his sin.**

5. Rebuke Like Jesus

Christ Himself did not suppress one word of truth, but He spoke it always in love. He exercised the greatest tact, and thoughtful, kind attention in His intercourse with the people. He was never rude, never needlessly spoke a severe word, never gave needless pain to a sensitive soul. He did not censure human weakness. He fearlessly denounced hypocrisy, unbelief, and iniquity, but tears were in His voice as He uttered His scathing rebukes.

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6. Spend Time in the Good Book instead of Facebook

Psalm 1:1-2 - Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

7. Come Out of Babylon, My People

- Revelation 18:4 - *And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her [Babylon], my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.*
 - Exodus 23:2 - *You shall not follow a crowd to do evil*
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by this we do know
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