Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

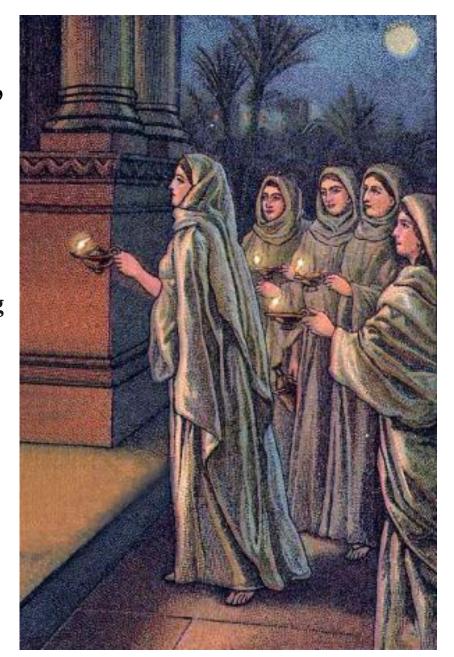
Rev. 12:12



Then all those virgins arose, and *trimmed their lamps*. Matt. 25:7

Trim [trim] verb (used with object), trimmed, trimming to put into a neat or orderly condition by clipping, paring, pruning, etc.:

Proof [proof] noun evidence sufficient to establish a thing as true, or to produce belief in its truth.



Isa. 28:9, 10, & 13

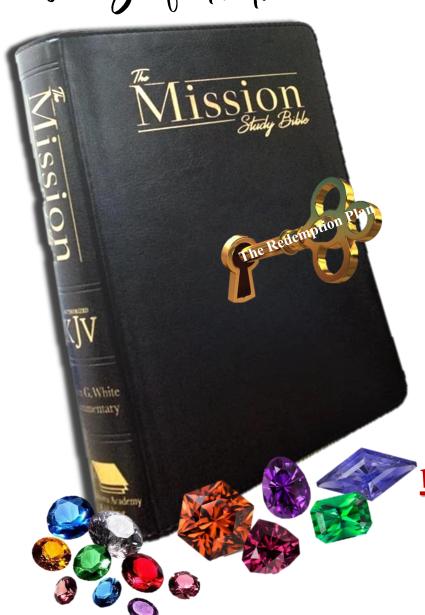


Recipe For Studying God's Word

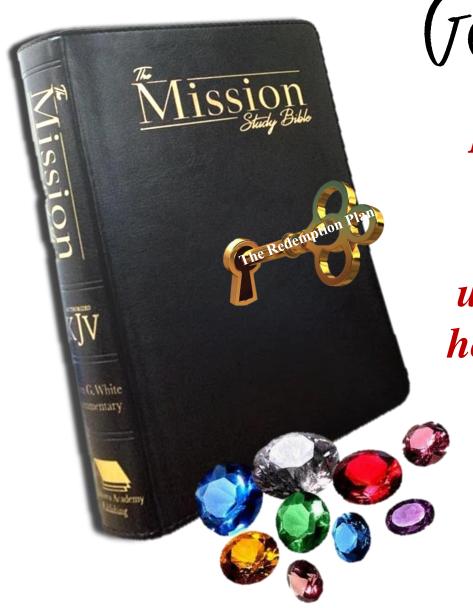
It is too late in the day to feed with milk.

If souls a month or two old in the truth, who are about to enter the time of trouble such as never was, cannot hear all the straight truth, or endure the strong meat of the straightness of the way, how will they stand in the day of battle? Truths that we have been years learning must be learned in a few months by those who now embrace the Third Angel's Message. We had to search and wait the opening of truth, receiving a ray of light here and a ray there, laboring and pleading for God to reveal truth to us. But now the truth is plain; its rays are brought together. The blazing light of truth when it is presented as it should be can be now seen and brought to bear upon the heart.

Genz of Truth



The *central theme of the Bible*, the theme about which every other in the whole book clusters, is the redemption plan, the RESToration in the human soul of the image of God. From the first intimation of hope in the sentence pronounced in Eden to that last glorious promise of the Revelation, "They shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads" (Revelation 22:4), the burden of every book and every passage of the Bible is the unfolding of this wondrous theme,—man's uplifting,—the power of God, "which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:57.

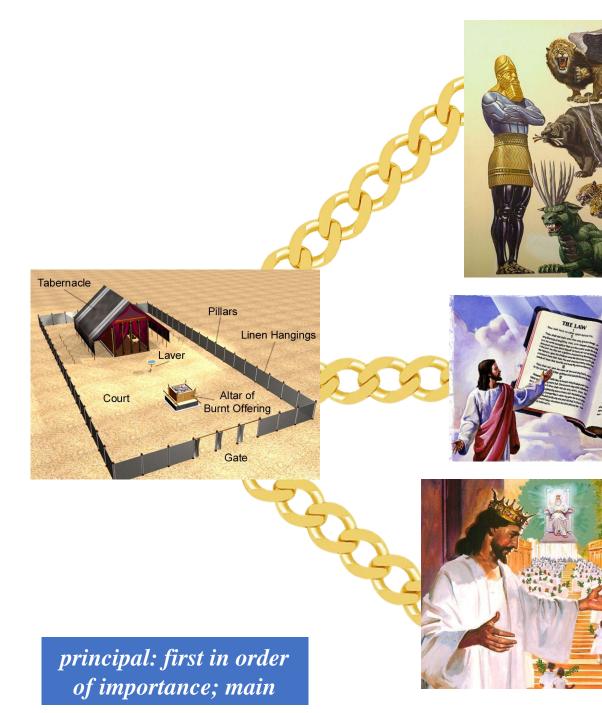


Genz of Truth

He who grasps this thought has before him an infinite field for study. He has the key that will unlock to him the whole treasure house of God's word. {Ed, p. 126}



But such subjects as **the** sanctuary, in connection with the 2300 days, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, are perfectly calculated to (1) explain the past Advent movement and (2) show what our present position is, (3) establish the faith of the doubting, and (4) give certainty to the glorious future. These, I have frequently seen, were the principal subjects on which the messengers should dwell. (EW 63)





The Duty of the Congregation on the Day of Atonement





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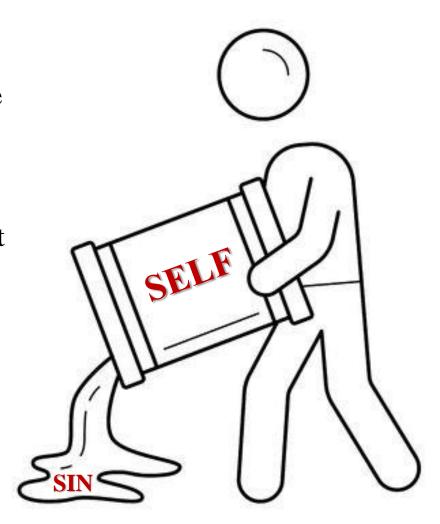


SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

The third requirement enjoined upon the typical congregation on the day of atonement was to "offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord." The offerings made by fire were consumed upon the altar. In the antitype we do not offer burntofferings of bullocks and rams; but God expects us to fulfil the antitype of the offering consumed upon the altar. He desires that the "whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;" that the entire life of the Christian be laid upon the altar, ready to be used as the Lord directs. None can do this who do not daily accept Christ as their sinoffering, and know what it is to be "accepted in the Beloved."

When the heart is emptied of self, it will be ready for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and then you will be fitted to strengthen the sheep and lambs of the flock of Christ; for self will be hid with Christ in God. The Spirit of Christ will be manifested in your daily life. The apostle says, "Be ye holy in all manner of conversation." You are to be found without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Your whole body, soul, and spirit are to be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord. What we need is the deep movings of the Spirit of God; for the standard of Christian life is expressed in these words: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.... Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

In order to fulfill this divine requirement, we need to look upon Him whom our sins have pierced, and become changed into His image. We need the endowment of the Holy Spirit. ST August 1, 1892, par. 5

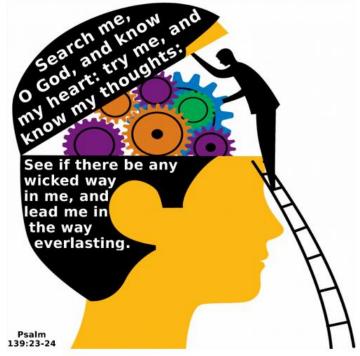




Those who profess to be waiting for the coming of Christ, are represented in the parable by the five wise and the five foolish virgins. The <u>wise virgins</u> had (1) <u>oil in their vessels</u> <u>with their lamps</u>; they had their (2) <u>lamps trimmed and burning</u>, and were (3) <u>ready to go out and meet the bridegroom</u>. But the <u>foolish virgins</u> had <u>no oil in their vessels</u>; and when the solemn cry was sounded, they were <u>found unprepared</u>, and <u>could not go forth</u> <u>to meet the bridegroom</u>. Many profess to be wise; but have they the Holy Spirit? As a people, we profess to know the truth, but of what avail will this be if we do not carry out its principles in our life?

The individual who realizes that the judgment is going on in the heavenly sanctuary, and that his name will surely be presented before that great tribunal, will search his heart and pray earnestly that God will accept him. We need often to meditate upon the work of our High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary, lest by having the mind filled with earthly thoughts, we, like the foolish virgins, will find when too late that the bridegroom has come, the door is shut; that the work is finished, and we have no part in it.





Sanctification is a progressive work. The successive steps are set before us in the words of Peter: "Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:5-8. "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." verses 10, 11.





Here is a course by which we may be assured that we shall never fall. Those who are thus working upon the plan of addition in obtaining the Christian graces have the assurance that God will work upon the plan of multiplication in granting them the gifts of His Spirit. Sanctification is not the work of a moment, an hour, or a day. It is a continual growth in grace. We know not one day how strong will be our conflict the next. Satan lives, and is active, and every day we need to cry earnestly to God for help and strength to resist him. As long as Satan reigns we shall have self to subdue, besetments to overcome, and there is no stopping place, there is no point to which we can come and say we have fully attained. CCh 50 & 51

The day of atonement was kept as a ceremonial sabbath by the ancient congregation. (#4) All work was laid aside, and the entire thought was given to seeking God and serving Him. God's work was given the first thought during the entire day. Such was the type; but it does not follow that on the antitypical day of atonement no one should attend to personal business, for God never intended His people to be "slothful in business." He promises to bless them in temporal things if they fulfil the antitype by looking after His work and service first, and their temporal interests second. This was beautifully taught by the Saviour's words: "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with...cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."





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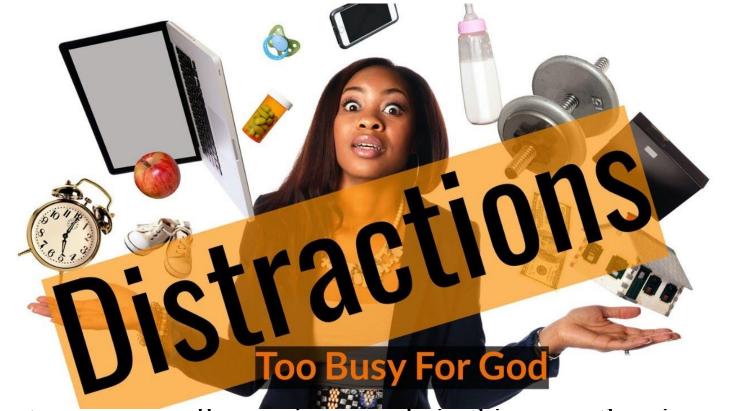






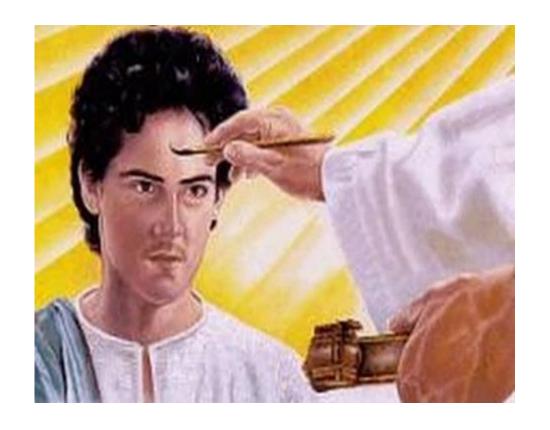


SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS



Satan is liable to entrap more well-meaning people in this snare than in any other of his many deceptions. He often persuades good people that the daily cares of the household are so important that they have no time to study God's word and pray, until, for lack of spiritual food and communion with God, they become so weak spiritually that they accept the doubts and unbelief the enemy is constantly presenting. When the time comes that they think they do have time to study their Bibles, they find they have lost all relish for God's word. God is testing the great antitypical congregation. Who will fulfil the antitype, and not forsake the assembly of God's people?

Who will lay all their interests upon God's altar, to be used for His glory, and never let the "cares of this life" crowd out God's work or a study of His word? Over such as these our High Priest will say, "He that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy Still."





High Priest Anti-Type

Rev 20:12

Righteous Dead being Judged

Probationary Time

ALL G-O-N-E!!!





Mal. 3:16 God's Brok

Rev. 20:12

High Priest

Type

God's purpose in giving the third angel's message to the world is to prepare a people to stand true to Him during the investigative judgment. This is the purpose for which we establish and maintain (1) our publishing houses, (2) our schools, (3) our sanitariums, (4) hygienic restaurants, (5) treatment rooms, and (6) food factories. This is our purpose in carrying forward every line of work in the cause.—<u>Manuscript 154, 1902, 4. 1MR 228.2</u>

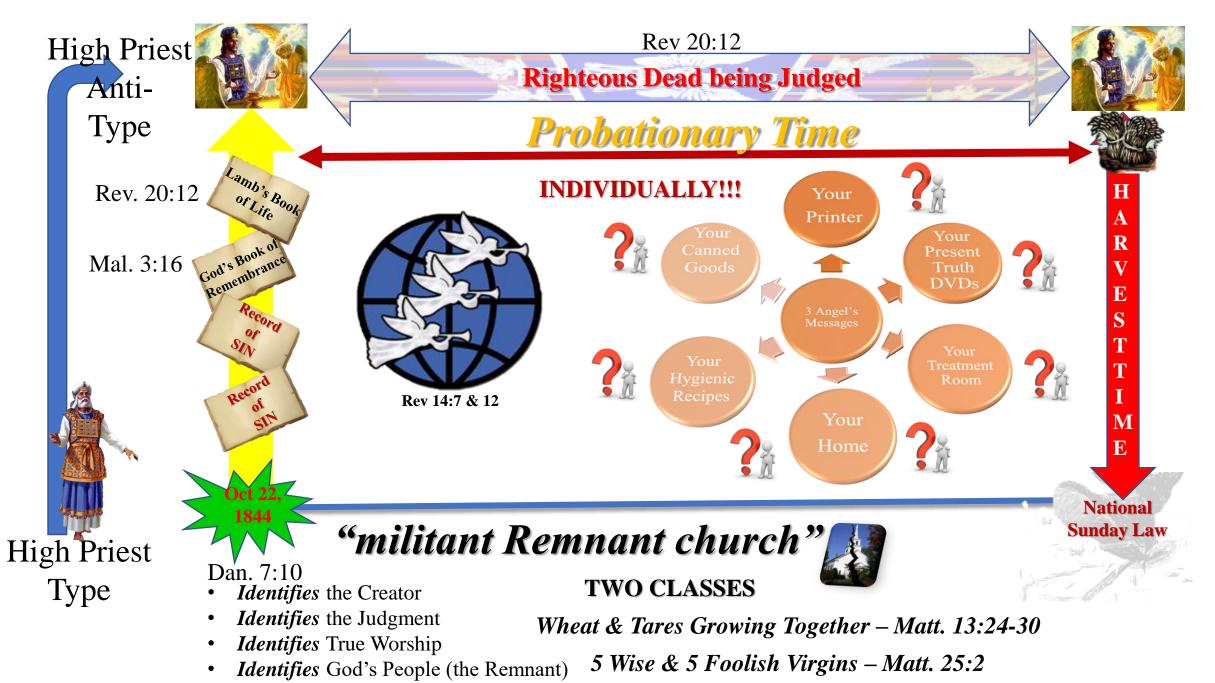
TWO CLASSES *Identifies* the Creator

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Wheat & Tares Growing Together – Matt. 13:24-30

- **Identifies** True Worship
- 5 Wise & 5 Foolish Virgins Matt. 25:2 *Identifies* God's People (the Remnant)
- **Identifies** God's Prophet (Ellen G. White)

National Sunday Law



• *Identifies* God's Prophet (Ellen G. White)

