

Zahakiel: Let's begin. Pastor, please offer an opening prayer.

Pastor Chick: Dear Father in Heaven, we thank You for another week of blessings and as we are here to worship You in Spirit and in Truth, we request an outpouring of Your Holy Spirit that we may advance in the Divine Life given to us. May Your care continue to protect your own as the world panics in fear of what has come and will come. In YAHSHUA's holy name, AMEN.

Adriel Dean777: Amen, Amen

Lucan: Amen

Elyna1: Amen.

Gloria Bailey: Amen.

Barb: Amen

Zahakiel: Amen.

Naraiel: Amen

Peter: Amen

Marie-kadeth: Amen

Zahakiel: Happy Sabbath to everyone. Tonight's study is called "The Salvation of Adam."

One of the unique aspects of Seventh-day Adventism, when it is faithful to Yahweh, is the way that it properly handles the Word of Yahweh. We find in the Scriptures, if not the direct answer to every question, certainly the right principles to guide our choices. The reason for this is that true faith in Christ, which leads to an understanding of, and obedience to, the Law of Yahweh, permits the Holy Spirit to fulfil its stated purpose, to "guide [us] into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak, and he will shew you things to come." (John 16:13)

The role of the Holy Spirit is to testify to humanity of the Father and Son, for these are the things it "hears," (John 15:15) and to guide the conscience as the character is perfected. The role of the Holy Spirit is to open up the meaning of Scripture, for in this way also it reveals the "Word," both Christ and the actual written testimony, to the mind that is seeking Yah's righteousness.

When it comes to the Book of Revelation, I've seen a number of studies, by a variety of Churches, attempting to provide an explanation of the events that it

portrays. They have complicated charts, illustrated timelines, and a host of theories about the occurrences of the latter days, but they are missing the pieces necessary to draw light out of darkness. They do not understand conditional prophecy, dual fulfilment, or the language of parables in which heavenly principles are communicated. As Paul wrote, "their minds were blinded; for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament; which vail is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart." (2Cor 3:14, 15)

It is ironic, really, that while modern Christians use these verses to make the claim that the Jews (about whom Paul was writing) are unable to see Christ in the Old Testament, they themselves are guilty of the same error. When they read the Old Testament, they do not see Yahshua's love in the Ten Commandments. They do not see Yahshua's love in the feast days that outline His work for us in the plan of salvation. They do not see Yahshua's love in the principles of holiness designed to keep us free from disease, poverty, and loss. Many of these things are all labelled "works," and relegated to some separate corner of religion that has nothing to do with this dispensation of grace in which they claim to live. And so, while the Jews have missed the predicted ministry of Christ in the Old Testament, the Christians have missed the revealed character of Christ in the Old Testament... and this blindness is largely responsible for their near-complete ignorance on the closing acts of human history that John's visions revealed.

The Book of Revelation, as I have said in a recent study, is really a revelation "of Jesus Christ." It is a display to the universe of His character, showing that He is a defender of His people, a keeper of His promises, and "a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" as the agency unto whom the Father has committed His judgment.

Christ is revealed in the opening verses of Revelation, in which He presents the visions to John. Christ is revealed in the closing verses of Revelation, in John's appeal for Him to return quickly. But most directly, Christ is revealed in the very center of Revelation, where we find "the everlasting Gospel," which draws mankind out of darkness, into marvellous light, and makes saints out of sinners, the 144,000 out of fallen humanity. Without understanding that Revelation is a Gospel book, the unconverted mind will see the plagues, the judgments, and the warnings, separated from their context as the end of sin

both on earth and in the universe. They will have a difficult time indeed, consolidating the image of an all-powerful and all-loving God with the warnings of eternal torment... as read through pagan misunderstandings of the state of the dead.

But the Book of Revelation is about the Gospel; it is about an understanding of the Gospel that, like the Ten Commandments, has always existed, but has been given "form," written down in a particular way, at a specific moment in time. Revelation's description of the Gospel has it carried to humanity by means of three angels. The first lets the world know that there is a Judgment, a holy reckoning, and a call to prepare. This first message is an act of mercy, for it lets mankind know that there IS a way to prepare. There IS salvation through judgment for all who desire it, or else judgment would merely fall upon the world with no warning. But as Paul says, "Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief... for Yah hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Yahshua the Messiah." (1Th. 5:4, 8)

The second lets us know that, even for once-cursed humanity, there is clarity, truth, order, and wisdom. Babylon, which represents chaos, confusion, and false worship, is overthrown by the power of the Most High. Because of this, the redeemed may worship Yahweh, not merely after the dictates of their heart, and their desire for "goodness," but "in spirit and in truth," (John 4:24) which is more acceptable than sincere error or fervent devotion to misconceptions. The saints of the last days will be free from all sin, which means that not only will their consciences be clear (thus, with the right spirit) and they will also be standing on a firm foundation of truth. Thus, sincerity, integrity, and faithfulness will be directed aright, and the end of this... worship in both Spirit and truth... is everlasting life.

The third angel lets the world know that there is an Enemy, one that would ensnare them and keep them away from salvation. It is as a roaring lion, that goes about seeking those whom it may mark. Those who submit to this mark have, because they did not know Yahweh, rejected His gifts. Just as there is a sin unto death, and a sin that is not unto death, so there is an ignorance that is unto death. The saints grow in grace and knowledge. As Isaiah instructs, they "learn to do well," putting away ignorance in favour of knowledge. But those who have been exposed to truth, preferring the comfort of familiar darkness, receive an ignorance unto death, and such have no protection

against the snares of Satan, even if they do not deliberately intend to become a rebel against the Creator. The warning is a stern one, but only because the corresponding glory – the thing that would be rejected – is so much the thing that humanity needs and desires.

Even though the Three Angels' Message is a statement of the Gospel message for this last generation, the means by which Yah saves humanity has never changed. Just as the 10 Commandments existed before Moses, and the Son of Yah existed before the birth of Yahshua to Mary, so the Three Angels' Messages have always been the way that the Gospel message "works" to transform a worldling into a believer, a carnal mind into a spiritual one. Every human being that is redeemed from the earth will have heard the three messages that Revelation calls the "Everlasting Gospel," from Adam, through Elijah, through the first century saints, and down to this day.

Consider the experience of our first human father, Adam. Surprisingly little is written in the Gospel record of the original human being; we have much more about Abraham, Moses, David, Samuel, and Samson in the Old Testament even though, from a historical perspective, they are less significant than the individual who fathered the entire human race. It is my belief that there are specifics about pre-sin humanity that are so different than commonly that they would prove more of a distraction than an aid to conversion. What little that we do have revealed is remarkable, and often the subject of skepticism or even scorn. The long life-spans, the incredible intelligence that saw rapid technological development just two generations in, the initial creation in a mature form, the intuitive knowledge of language and nature, the natural covering of glory that persisted until the entrance of sin... these things are entirely unlike anything we have experienced today. While it is good to know something of the state to which our Father is returning us, this will not generally have a large influence on the decision to accept the risen Savior; thus, the "Last Adam" receives considerably more focus than the first.

All we know from the Bible of Adam's death is that "all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died." (Gen 5:5) This single verse, in the context of an extended chronology, is all we are told of this event in the Canonical record. Some have even wondered, due to the lack of explicit information, whether Adam, whose transgression plunged all who would come after him into great tribulation, will be in the world to come.

Adventists who have the benefit of inspired writings beyond the Biblical record, know that Adam and Eve were taught the Gospel by Christ Himself, and were thus spared the second death. Even those who have not read this, however, may know the fate of Adam, if they recognize the three elements of the Gospel when they appear. Consider the interactions that Yahweh had with Adam upon his disobedience. He did not destroy him, as the warning against transgression would certainly have allowed. Instead, He entered into an exchange, of which we read, "And Yahweh Elohim called unto Adam, and said unto him, 'Where art thou?'"

Adam's response was not, at least not yet, a repentant one. He replied according to his new, carnal, nature, in an attempt to defend himself by making excuses for hiding, and then shifting the blame to another soul. The spirit of man knows that it cannot bear the guilt of sin. It knows that guilt before Yahweh means destruction, and so it seeks to cover itself from judgment through justification, disbelief, or comfort in false doctrines such as the idea of salvation in sin. Adam, in hearing Yah's question, knew that a time of judgment had come, just as the First Angel would say to the world centuries later. Because he had lost knowledge of the glory of Yahweh, he acted according to his new master, the flesh, and sought to avoid the responsibility of his actions. When Adam replied in this way, Yah did not press him further. Instead, He performed an investigation to arrive at the source of the disruption, from Adam, to Eve, and then finally to the Serpent. Upon identifying this vessel of temptation, Yahweh declared a literal "fall," saying, "Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life." (Gen 3:14)

In the Second Angel's message, mankind is reminded that Babylon, the power of Satan on earth, is broken. It is defeated, crushed into the dust, and destined only for final destruction in the Lake of Fire. Yahweh has called His people to truth, so that their worship might be pure and acceptable, and so that they might take warning from the snake's punishment, and turn away. Having done so, the Word of Yahweh declared a third thing. He said to Satan, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." (Gen 3:15)

Commentators have rightly understood this verse to be the Bible's first prophecy of Christ, the "Seed of the Woman," the "Son of Man." It is significant for two reasons. First, it places a separation between humanity and Satan. The verse declares "enmity," hostility, between mankind and the being that would later work through mankind's carnal nature to form a beast and an image of that beast. In the Third Angel's message, Yahweh is reminding mankind of this enmity. He is saying, "Remember the separation that I have placed between the Woman (Eve, and then the Church) and the Dragon. "Whosoever forgets this hostility will become like the serpent, and will suffer his fate."

But the second thing that is significant about this verse is even more glorious. Yah did not say that He would one day come down from Heaven in glory to destroy Satan and his works. He did not say that His Son, in the form and power of the arch-angel, would descend and defeat all evil with divine power. Instead, even on that first day of man's fall, Yah stood with humanity. He identified His own divine nature as being "one" with Adam and Eve's descendants, so that it would not be an angel, or a manifestation of God's glorious power, but a human being, one born with the right spirit, the right character, would be the one to crush the rebel's head.

Adriel Dean777: Amen

Zahakiel: Not by might, or by power, but by the spirit of agape, would Satan be judged and shown to be condemned. From the flesh of Satan's very victims would arise the Savior, and here we see the unity, the atonement, between God and His creation. Here we see that Adam is not cast away, but is called to be "one" indeed with Yahweh, for both were to be fathers to the Savior who would be both God and man.

Adriel Dean777: Amen

Zahakiel: The Third Angel's message, which is about separation from the Beast, has always also been about separation TO Yahweh. The Church are a people called out, not to wander, but to the one-ness shared by the Father and Son. Thus, it has ever been the case that the Gospel, even on that first occasion in Eden, has called people to what we now call "Christian Unity," that perfect spiritual unity with the Father and Son that necessarily results in all who share this experience being one with each other. It is the nature of

Yah's spirit to draw together, so that anything of the flesh that might divide is swallowed up in unity, just as death and sin are swallowed up in victory.

Adam and Eve did not, then, understand the significance of this first declaration of the Three Angels' Message to humanity. In order to disrupt Satan's ultimate goal, they were sent forth from the garden to dwell in relative wilderness; and yet, we see that they heard the Gospel. They learned to offer sacrifices as an acknowledgement of what Christ, in sinful flesh, would one day do on their behalf. (Gen 4:4) They preserved the knowledge of their creation and fall for the sake of future generations, ultimately written into a permanent record by Moses many years later.

And now, in our generation, we are to bear witness to the fulfilment of the promises made to our first parents shortly after their fall. We are to see the Three Angels' Message, in their final manifestation, drawing forth souls out of the darkness, and preparing them to dwell in the Kingdom of eternal light. Satan has done his utmost to obscure the nature and character of Yahweh in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to the degree that both Jews and nominal Christians fail to identify saving truths in both the oldest and most recent promises made through Christ Yahshua.

They have been made to enter into controversies about works of the flesh, the significance of the Law, and hidden things concerning the Godhead. They have been made to misunderstand and doubt every single doctrinal statement revealed in the Scriptures, so that even those who would sincerely say, "I live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh," do not so much as know what those words are.

And yet, it is written, "In times past [Yahweh] suffered all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless He left not Himself without witness, in that He did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." (Acts 14:16, 17) Even when messengers were few, Yah spoke to humanity through His blessings. His Spirit has always been at work, "For the eyes of Yahweh run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." (2Chron 16:9)

Adriel Dean777: Amen

Zahakiel: And now, in this last generation, the final warnings are being given. Yah has left none without a means to find what they seek; therefore, all who seek Him will find Him... and will find Him with and in His people. It is the people of Yah that carry the Three Angels' Message. It is the people of Yah through whom He has chosen to make His covenant with mankind. It is the people of Yah who open the channel of saving faith into the world, as it is also written, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Rom 10:14)

Some may think that, as widespread as Christianity is in the world today as opposed to the days of the apostles, preachers and Churches have become unnecessary. Doesn't everyone, after all, have a Bible? As active as the Holy Spirit has been, the fallen spirits have found more overt success in convincing the minds of men to follow after them. The preachers of righteousness, the teachers of Gospel truth, the faithful evangelists, these are more necessary now in times of deep deception than ever before. There are winds of doctrine on every matter, and a wide selection of attractive lies for every truth that would convict the soul. The preacher of righteousness must be able to speak fearlessly in the face of opposition, and to have the Gospel message, the Everlasting Gospel, the Three Angels' Message, at the very center of all his labors.

Of all that may be said concerning religion, faith, and spirituality, the Three Angels' Message, as it was given from the beginning to Adam and Eve, and every willing soul thereafter, is the only thing that matters to souls lost in darkness. Leading people to 1) a sincere acknowledgement their sin, and need to prepare for judgment, 2) getting people to understand that there IS a "truth" in which they can worship Yah with their spirit, and 3) drawing them into unity with the Father and Son so that they may avoid the Serpent while finding rest in blessed fellowship with the saints...

This is the message, the very message, that saved the first sinners from eternal death. This is the message that prepared Enoch and Elijah to experience the spiritual realm without the destruction of their physical bodies. This is the message that Moses, conveyed to the Nation of Israel. This was the hope of the Old Testament saints, and the comfort of those in the New.

It is the same message that perfects the character of the 144,000, so that death has no power over them, and they may claim the promise, "In my flesh shall I see the Almighty." (Job 19:25)

Adriel Dean777: Amen

Zahakiel: In all of our interactions with others, no matter what the topic, no matter what the doctrine, no matter what the apparent differences as we evangelize the world, let this message, once preached to Adam and Eve, be the power that transforms the lives of those around us through our Father's willing vessels.

Are there any questions or comments about tonight's study?

Adriel Dean777: Q

Zahakiel: Go ahead.

Marie: Amen

Adriel Dean777: Dean would like to know about the technological advances of the second generation. End

Zahakiel: There are some things revealed in Patriarchs and Prophets concerning that. We see, just a few years after the creation, metallurgy and other "advanced" areas of development.

Adriel Dean777: (ok)

Zahakiel: Are there any others? If there are not, I'll ask Bro. Luke to offer a closing prayer.

Lucan: Dear Father in heaven. We thank you that your message of salvation, as Yourself, does not change. We are blessed to have received You in life and in character through your promises. May your Spirit continue to guide and prepare us for your soon return. In Yahshua's name we pray, amen.

Pastor Chick: Amen.

Barb: Amen

Adriel Dean777: Amen, Amen

Zahakiel: Amen.

Gloria Bailey: Amen.

Elyna1: Amen.

Peter2: Amen

Naraiel: Amen

Ruthline: Amen

Daphna: Amen