

Zahakiel: Well, let's begin. I will ask Pastor to open the meeting with a prayer.

Pastor Chick: Dear Father in heaven, we are praising Your name for another victorious week and requesting a fresh outpouring of Your Holy Spirit for this hour. May all attendees receive the desired blessings in Yahshua's holy name, Amen.

Barb: Amen

Elyna1: Amen.

Naraiel: Amen

Lucan: Amen

Zahakiel: Amen.

Peter_Jr_18: Amen.

Ruthline: Amen

Adriel7777: Amen

Zahakiel: Happy Sabbath to everyone. Tonight's study is called "The Three Commitments," and it is intended to expand on something that I mentioned in last week's study, "During Ordinary Things."

Specifically, I said this: "All of Yah's commandments are invitations. The two great commandments are to love Him with all your heart, and mind, and strength, and then your neighbor as yourself. That is the Covenant, and it always has been. Yah says, 'Commit to Me. Commit to my people. Commit to the finishing of the work in the earth.' With these three commitments also, the Three Angels' message may be understood..."

The Three Angels' Message is another name that Seventh Day Adventists give to the Gospel. We do so because this is what inspiration calls it in Rev 14:6. It is significant that it is called the "Everlasting" Gospel in that verse, because while any "good news" may be called by this term, "gospel," the good news that Yah gives us through His Son is good news from the beginning of creation until the end of days.

We have broken down the three components of that Gospel, as delivered by the Three Angels of that chapter, in various ways across numerous studies. We have explained it, perhaps most simply, as Victory, Purity, and Unity.

The First Angel instructs us to worship Yah, for judgment approaches... an action that can only be performed by those who have been raised from the dead, having once lain "dead in trespasses and sins." (Eph 2:1)

The Second Angel foretold of a time that has now come to pass... the fall of Babylon, which signifies the state of spiritual confusion. Among those who have come to worship Yah, receiving the Victorious life and preparing for judgment, there is clarity, knowledge, and peace. There is purity of life and doctrine that is the natural result of stripping away all that Babylon represents.

Finally, the Third Angel calls for a resistance to the Mark of The Beast, which is the spirit of Satan as manifest in human beings, the order and systems of the world. Through persecution, disappointment, and the rejection of others, the Saints cling to one another, maintaining a consistent testimony, and as one they overcome the Enemy's final attacks.

During His earthly ministry, Yahshua said of the Scriptures, "They are they which testify of Me." (John 5:39) In another place He said, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." (John 14:9) Thus, what the Scriptures reveal is a testimony of both the Father and Son. It is a revelation of Their divine nature, and Their character as expressed through Their statements about Themselves, the testimony of the prophets concerning Them, and Their recorded acts in human history. The true purpose of every Book, and every chapter, is to instruct the reader concerning the divine character.

When we speak, then, of the Three Angels' Message, or John's end-time prophecies, or the writings of Paul, we must always consider them, not in terms of what they are telling us to do, but what they are telling us about Yahweh. Our "works" flow naturally from this understanding. A proper expression of both the Gospel and the Law will reflect Yah's nature, and so when Yahshua tells us that all the Law and Prophets hang on only two ideas, then clearly those two ideas are central to all righteousness and all spiritual wisdom.

"Thou shalt love Yahweh thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. And the second [commandment] is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets." (Mat 22:37-40)

I would like, then, to go over each of the three things to which our Father calls us to commit, and show how they are connected to the Three Angels of Revelation 14, and also to the Two Commandments that are the foundation of Yah's character.

First, Yah says, "Commit to Me." This is obvious from the First Angel's Message. We are called to "Fear God, and give glory to Him... and worship Him." (Rev 14:7) This is the first instruction of the Covenant. You may recall from earlier studies that a Covenant includes a promise, a duty, and a token. The promise here is everlasting life. The token is the Seal of Yah in the believers' foreheads that involves the Sabbath more fully and righteousness by faith. But here we see the duty revealed... it is a commitment to everlasting worship of Yah, and obedience to His will.

Of the last generation of the Redeemed it is written, "Therefore are they before the throne of Yah, and serve Him day and night in His Temple; and He that sitteth on the Throne shall dwell among them." (Rev 7:15)

This is a relationship of supreme intimacy. The next verse says "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore." Yah is their complete sufficiency, sustaining them perfectly, as He did Moses atop Sinai for 40 days, and Elijah in the wilderness for that same amount of time. Because they love Him with all their hearts, and souls, and minds, the saints dwell in Yah's glory, and need nothing but that with which He supplies them continually.

And how is it today?

The only thing that will change regarding this relationship when Yahshua returns is that it will be made obvious to the material senses... but at this moment, those who live by faith are already standing before the Throne in the Temple of Yah. Occasionally, they may hunger and thirst physically while awaiting the restoration of all things, but they are satisfied in the spirit, and drink continually of life-giving waters. Because they have obeyed the First Angel of the Covenant, they have fulfilled the First Great Commandment of the Law, and are thus made perfect in that love for their Creator. This is the present state of those who have been born again, and none shall testify otherwise.

The second commitment required by Yah is, "Commit to My People." Here is where some, who have made a profession of faith, begin to fall away. There is no question that Yah demands our complete loyalty, but what about our fellow travelers? Surely, I cannot be as close to them as I am to Yahweh and Yahshua? And yet, what did the Son say?

When speaking with the Father in the presence of His disciples, Yahshua prayed, "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one." (John 17:22)

"That they may be one;" in other words, it is the glory given to the Son by the Father, and to us by the Son; that causes us to be One. It is not common opinions, or similarities of preference, or closeness of dwelling-places, or even feelings of warmth... these things do not make a people one. It is glory. It is Yah's magnificence that dwells within a people... drawing them together in like purpose, and common fellowship... this is what makes them One. It is a burning flame of Agape, a drive to do what is best, always, for those with whom we share this Covenant; that makes us One.

Is a brother or sister in need? We supply it. Do they rejoice? We rejoice with them. Do they require correction? As gently as possible, we apply the scalpel of the Spirit to assist them in being free from bondage. Because they are a people of purity... pure doctrine, pure speech, pure testimony, they have fulfilled the Second Great Commandment of the Law, and love their neighbors as they love themselves.

The Second Angel declares, upon observation of this Holy People, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." The very purity of the saints reveals that judgment has come to the world, for Yah's Covenant is perfectly revealed through those who walk according to His Spirit on the eve of Yahshua's return.

The lone Christian, who resists the call to "one Faith, one Baptism" (Eph 4:5) will find that the God whom he worshipped was not the "one Lord" of the Bible, for that God is One with all who call on His name in spirit and in truth. To some of these I reached out last week, and would ask them directly, "What keeps you so firmly from life? What do you love more than Yahweh and His people?"

The Enemy deceives those who follow the traditions of men, asking of these commitments, "Has Yah truly said, "You must commit to Me and my people?" The temptation in Eden is repeated in the last generation, with a fruit that has been polished to appear beautiful, and good to eat. Satan has taken bondage to sin, and has labeled it "Freedom and Independence." These are good words, and holy principles, but they are not to be found outside of Yah's Covenant, for a man who is free from the Law is a slave to unrighteousness. As it is written, "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin," (John 8:34) and there is no release from sin outside of the life to which our Father has called us.

The third commitment that Yah requires of humanity is, "Commit to the finishing of the work in the earth." If "all" who call on the name of Christ say that they love Yahweh, and "many" who do so claim to love the brethren, here is where "few" find the Way of life.

Again, if one were to ask the typical Christian, "Are you committed to Yah?" Most would likely say something to the effect that, "I try to be." They know that they do not have the victorious life they have been promised, nor do they truly desire it, or else they would ask, desperately, until Yah revealed the way to His people. Nevertheless, they know the "correct" answer to give, and most approach it in some way.

If one were to ask that Christian, "Are you committed to God's people?" Here you would begin to get very different answers. Most have probably never heard a question like this asked to them directly. In fact, if you are evangelizing someone, try asking them this, and see what they say. I would be curious how they phrased their reply.

But now, if you were to ask the typical nominal Christian, "Are you committed to finishing God's work on the earth?" I wonder how many would even know what you were speaking about. An Adventist would have an idea of what "God's work" entails, no doubt... but even among them, they are likely to think of crusades, book-selling from door to door, and perhaps weekly sermons. These may be tools to accomplish the work, but they are not the work. Do not confuse one with the other.

The work is turning the hearts of the children back to the Father, as it is written of those who come in the name of Elijah. (Mal 4:6) It is glorifying the Creator on the earth, continuing what the Son did during His time among us. In fact, let us read it:

"I have glorified thee on the earth; I have finished the work which thou gavest Me to do."
(John 17:4)

Plainly, clearly, the Son of Yah tells us what the work is. How many shall say this, shall repeat this testimony, when their earthly life closes, or Yahshua returns? Few there be that find the Way to life.

The Third Angel outlines a people who, when probation closes, will say, "I have finished the work my Father gave me to do." They are a people who have learned what it means to be One in the Father and Son, to stand together against the world and its engines, and

to rejoice in deepest tribulation. Their eyes are not on the flesh, nor on the accusations that the Enemy directs their way; instead, they behold the face of Yahshua, like Stephen during his murder at the hands of those who had an appearance of godliness. When temptations and trials strike upon them, with no less force than physical stones, the saints say, "Behold, I see the Heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God." (Acts 7:56) This will finally reveal the Mark of the Beast on all who are outside of these three Commitments, who have not followed the Three Angels in their courses, and who have found no inheritance among the Children of Yah.

In my last study, I spoke mostly to those who are standing at the gates of the City, looking in, but fearing to take the step of faith. I renew my appeal, and shall do so as long as the Spirit moves me to do so... And here, as we examine the duty to which Yah calls us, let everyone give solemn consideration to what the Father has asked us to do.

Commit to Me.

Commit to My People.

Commit to finishing the work on the earth.

The Three Angels' Messages each bear with them the promise of everlasting life, but each also requires an obligation of those who would receive them. These are the elements of Yah's Covenant, and they provide us a means to give heed to Paul's call to "examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith." (2Cor 13:5)

In this generation, it is the third commitment, to finishing the work, that will reveal those who have followed all three Gospel Angels. This is the angel that binds a people in unity, and one that reveals hearts. Everyone knows the "right" answer regarding committing to the Father, and even to His people. Everyone who thinks himself a sincere believer will say, or aspire to, "Of course I love God and my neighbor as myself." Unless one is committed to finishing the work, however, to resisting the Beast and His image, to working in cooperation with the sanctified ones for the salvation of needy souls, this declaration is revealed as merely a rote answer to a stock question.

Let each ask, "What is my commitment regarding Yah's purpose? Is my testimony, 'Yes,' 'Yes,' and 'Yes' to each of the Three Angels"?

The People of Yah, those who are resting within Yah's promises, are a committed people. They know the value of their unity with the Father and Son and with one another, and the purpose to which they have been set: winning the wayward sheep to the Fold. They have been cut from the world. They have been joined together as stones in a holy temple. They have been given a work to do, a holy purpose worthy of their utmost endeavor, and they rejoice to know that what they do, what they have been called to do, is the most important work that anyone has ever done.

Every single soul that receives the light at the hand of the messenger returns to Yah an eternity of praise, and enters into the joy of life, an irreplaceable, completely unique brother or sister – one created by the Father, redeemed by the Son, and brought into that

redemption by Their Holy Spirit, working through those who love Them supremely, and their neighbors as themselves.

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

Adriel7777: Amen. C

Zahakiel: Go ahead.

Elyna1: Amen

Adriel7777: Yes, yes, yes. 😊 End.

Zahakiel: A good set of answers 😊

Elyna1: Amen.

Zahakiel: Are there any others?

Elyna1: C

Zahakiel: Go ahead.

Elyna1: Thank you for renewing in simple yet powerful terms the covenant between us and Yah. I don't think I have ever seen it that clear and simple before. Good tool for the mission field. Praise Yah! 😊 End

Adriel7777: Amen

Zahakiel: All right, if there are no others, I'll ask Bro. Luke to offer a closing prayer.

Lucan: Dear heavenly Father. We thank and praise you, for you are a covenant-keeping God. We are blessed that we are therefore a covenant-keeping people, for you dwell within and among us according to your promise. May the commitments we have received and made continue into eternity, as we fulfill the work you have called us to do. In the name of Yahshua we pray, amen.

Zahakiel: Amen.

Pastor Chick: Amen.

Adriel7777: Amen

Barb: Amen

Elyna1: Amen.

Naraiel: Amen

daphna: Amen

Ruthline: Amen