

Topic is: Reproving The World of Sin

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

Pastor_Chick_CSDA_7 : **Dear Father in Heaven. We are grateful for this time of sacred contemplation. May Your Spirit inspire us with truth as it is in YAHSHUA. And may our Sabbath blessing be abundant. In the holy and precious name of YAHSHUA, Amen.**

Barbli : [Amen](#)

Zahakiel : **Amen.**

Guest_daphnamatthews : Amen

Guest_Naraiel : Amen

Lucan : [Amen](#)

kimberlykindhearted : Amen.

Guest_Elyna_Family : Amen

Guest_gadriel : Amen.Amen

Zahakiel : *Happy Sabbath to all. Two weeks ago, we examined the practice of Sun Worship as it is described in the Bible, and how it has a modern equivalent in the deference to human policies, organizations, and so on over the revealed will of Yahweh – essentially, the worship of created objects rather than the Creator. This turns out to be a most relevant topic, since at the moment we are seeing battles springing up in the United States and around the world, between what is “legal” – that is, what is in harmony with human laws, and what is “right” – what is in harmony with Yah’s Law, and thus “righteousness.”*

It is quickly coming to pass that the Word of Yahweh is not merely ignored by the world, and seen as outdated, but Its teachings are actually being seen as hateful to modern, secular sensibilities. The modern man is living for earthly rewards, in accordance with temporary principles, and anything that diminishes these benefits in favor of everlasting blessings is seen as foolish or even malicious.

Why should we give tithes and offerings, to lay up treasures in Heaven, if it costs us a portion of our earthly value? Why should we keep the Sabbath, a full seventh of our productivity, if we don’t see any immediate, dramatic benefits? Why should we resolutely support the Scripture’s history of our origins, if it contradicts the recent, speculative claims of scientists that have a stated commitment to materialism? Why should we decisively support the Creator’s definition of marriage, if it runs contrary to the

popular opinion of several modern societies? These are the thoughts of carnal man.

The cost of being a Bible-believing Christian, even in “peaceful” countries that pride themselves on tolerance, is increasing. Evangelism is swimming upstream, and the waters have never been faster, for we are trying to teach a people that are blinded by the many flashing lights of Satan’s distractions. We are trying to reach a people who cannot see, and no longer believe in, a God that knows better than they do. They cannot appreciate expressions of love that teach how to be in harmony with eternal principles, to prepare the soul for a future without death and suffering, because this is a future in which many no longer believe.

So what shall we, as messengers of the truth, do? For many, there is very little we CAN do. Yahshua did not say that many would receive Him, but rather few. He did not say that all would be convinced of the truth and receive everlasting life. What He said was that those who are searching for Him will find Him. He said that those who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness will receive it. Those that show mercy will receive mercy.

Sadly, the number of humans fitting that description seems to be shrinking even as the overall population grows. The harvest can feel small, and though every soul is worth the infinite sacrifice of the Son of Yahweh, the heart that loves – that desires all should be saved – is perplexed at how few are open to the “good news” of the Creator’s care for us, and His purpose for our continued existence in eternity.

It seems that I am painting a depressing picture, and it certainly is a dark world in which we are currently living...but last week I shared with you a message of praise, that in both the small things and the great ones, our Father is working for the good of those who love Him, and there is very much for which we can be thankful. The world will know us by our faith; the Faith of Yahshua is a testimony for those who are seeking Yahweh, and against those that are not. We speak words that grow naturally from the Holy Spirit that is within us, bearing its fruit (of love, joy, peace, etc.) openly. Yahshua said of that Spirit,

“And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me, Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more, Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.” (John 16:8-10)

This is a most significant verse, from which we have much to learn.

The Holy Spirit, through Yah’s people, is sent – according to Yahshua – to teach “the world” three things. Taking them in reverse order, the third lesson the Spirit has for the world is that there is a coming judgment. Satan “is judged,” that is, condemned already, and those who follow him will

share that same fate. This is identical to the First Angel's message in Revelation 14's Everlasting Gospel.

The second thing the Holy Spirit is to teach the world about is righteousness. Now, Yahshua gives an interesting reason for this. He says the Spirit will reprove the world – that word meaning to “reveal” or to “convict” – of righteousness “because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more.” This is a critical point that the Savior is making here. Before Yahshua came into the world, the teachings of Moses and the prophets were to teach the world righteousness. Unfortunately, because of corruption and false traditions, the Old Testament's principles were reinterpreted and diluted until they became “of none effect.” As a direct result of this, when Yahshua appeared among us, His people did not recognize Him as the “Son” called “the mighty God” and the “Prince of Peace.” (Isa 9:6) Though they did not know Him, Yahshua was nevertheless a Teacher of righteousness, and because of the traditions of the popular teachers, the people said of His doctrine and His miracles, “We never saw it on this fashion.” (Mark 2:12)

After His departure, there needed to be a Teacher of righteousness in the world. Paul and Barnabas, addressing the people of Lystra, said of Yah's history with humanity that “He left not Himself without witness.” (Acts 14:17)

There was never a time when the promises of Yahshua, quoted above, did not hold true...that those who sought Yahweh with all their strength were unable to find Him. There was never a time when the Court of Heaven was without an ambassador in the world, drawing men unto salvation.

At times, Satan's agents (often masquerading as Yahweh's own people!) would prevent the voice of that witness from reaching the people, and for this they will have to answer before the judgment seat of Christ, but the voice was in the world nevertheless.

In the days since the New Covenant was formed between Yah and mankind, the writings of Moses have been misunderstood. The Messiah, the Covenant made flesh, was rejected and crucified. In response, Heaven sent the earth “another” Messenger that would not be misunderstood, because It would speak directly to the heart of the willing. It might be denied, but the work of the Spirit on the conscience is clear and direct. Heaven sent a Messenger that could never be crucified and, though the messengers may be persecuted and destroyed, the message would remain. It is by means of His Spirit that Yahshua, the true Teacher of righteousness, would be “with [us] always, even unto the end of the world.” (Mat 28:20)

Because the world has a Teacher of truth, of righteousness, and of purity, it may rightly be said that Babylon, the Kingdom and voice of the enemy, has been overcome. It has fallen, although the world does not yet know what the Father knows, or what His people know and declare. Babylon has fallen,

and the people of Yah, those that rejoice in truth, are being called out even now as a witness against its fall. In this second lesson that the Holy Spirit has for the world, to reprove it of righteousness, we see the message of the Second Gospel angel.

The very first thing that Yahshua said the Holy Spirit would teach the world is a conviction for sin. There are clear parallels here between teaching the world what "sin" is, and avoiding the Mark of The Beast as presented by Revelation 14's Third Angel.

The whole world wonders after the Beast, except for those whose names are written in the Book of Life. (Rev 17:8) The entire world is of the same "mind" of the Beast, bowing to its laws and policies, ignoring the claims that the Almighty has on us due to His position as is the Creator and Redeemer of mankind. In this, they dishonor the Sabbath every day of the week, for the Sabbath is "kept" by honoring Yah the Creator. In taking the Beast's mark, they make themselves ready for their portion of the Arch-tempter's fate. It should be no surprise that the Holy Spirit is so clearly described as bringing the Gospel to the world, being the grace of the Son that has appeared to all, (Titus 2:11) even if all do not recognize and accept it. Those that fail to be convicted of sin are swept away by the Beast's strong delusions. Those who avoid conviction, either by ignoring or despising the messengers, or by justifying "self" when self acts contrary to principle, have not learned even the very first lesson of the Holy Spirit, no matter what claims they may make of their religion, faith, or calling.

In summary of the above, we see, from Yahshua's own description of the Holy Spirit's purpose, that the SDA teachings of old, as understood and promoted by the CSDA Church, are supported by the Scriptures.

The Three Angel's Message, as taught by genuine Adventism (and in no other religious tradition) is everywhere in the Bible. Moses taught it. The prophets taught it. The Messiah here, in speaking of the Holy Spirit, taught it. True Adventism, that Remnant that awaits Yahshua's return, we teach it as well. This must surely give us supreme confidence in going forth into the world to be "fishers of men," even when the days are as dark as I have described.

As we have read, the first purpose of the Holy Spirit is to reveal "sin" to the world. One of the ways we identify those few that are seeking righteousness, those who would hear the Word and receive it with joy, is to stand firmly for righteousness - that is, against sin. Regardless of what the world thinks, regardless of what may be "legal" according to some human laws, the People of Yahweh are driven by the Spirit to speak in defense of what is "righteous."

Hopefully, much of the time these two ideas will be in harmony, for the Spirit has not yet been wholly withdrawn from the world...although surely the discerning can feel It departing.

But while the Spirit lingers, the Scriptures say to “Honour the king.” (1Pet 2:17) It is during the times of conflict between the king and the King, (or the judge and the Judge, as the case may be), during the times of these battles, the quality of our faith is revealed.

I have called this study “Reproving the World of Sin,” because, as with sun worship, we saw how the Scriptures’ description of forbidden practices can be used to point out an underlying “sin,” an underlying rejection of one of the principles of Yah’s law.

The evangelist of Yah will draw knowledge of the principles of sin from the Bible, and may apply them rightly to any generation. The Holy Spirit in us, the Representative of Yahshua the Teacher of righteousness, will give us wisdom to reach out to others with a true and direct testimony, convicting the inquiring mind, those that “seek,” that are “hungry and thirsty for righteousness,” and drawing them to the Faith.

We know that Biblical Christianity is not a religion of works. We cannot be saved by works, but – and this is less often addressed – we cannot be lost by mere works either. It is the sin underlying the actions that corrupts the soul, the state of rebellion against the law that both shuts the gates of Heaven, and manifests itself in the actions associated with various sins: murder, idolatry, Sabbath-breaking, theft, and various defects of character: greed, laziness, pride, and so on.

When seeking the lost that are willing to listen, we must be able to explain the reasons for our faith. Anyone can say, “Stealing is wrong,” but few are able to explain why in such a way as the Holy Spirit convicts of sin – that it reveals a worship of the things of this world, and a rejection of love and respect for others.

Anyone can read in the Bible that we must not bow before graven images, but few are able to identify the underlying sin, that in directing our worship to things that can be “seen,” we make ourselves dependent on the natural senses, and less able to honor Yahweh, the invisible Creator. By seeing the underlying sin, we can effectively explain that even those images that are intended to represent Yahweh or one of His “saints” are detrimental to the growth of true faith, since the veneration of objects tie us to icons and ritual rather than the Persons of the Father and Son.

Again, it is easy to read in the Scriptures that homosexuality is contrary to the will of Yahweh, to say nothing of dressing it up in the robes of marriage – a holy institution designed by the Almighty Himself. Fewer can explain how the corruption of the image of Yahweh in humanity (which was created “male and female” in the image of Yah – Gen 1:27) causes the worship of a distorted view of the Creator who, though He presents Himself as male, nevertheless describes Himself as having greater devotion than a nursing

mother, (Isa 49:15) and the relationship between the Savior and His People as that of a Husband and Wife. (Eph. 5:23) If Yahweh is acknowledged at all in ceremonies honoring these rejections of His will, it is not the God who inspired the Bible, who sent a Savior to gather the Heavenly Bride, who manifests Himself in the “wonderful [...] way of a man with a maid,” (Pro 30:18, 19) and draws all to Himself in redeeming love.

The teachings of the Scriptures are all about love, when brought down to their core principles. Unfortunately, few accept this, and fewer are able to explain it. Love is not understood by this world, not the love that leads to life everlasting – but we, Yah’s people, are tasked with first receiving it, and then revealing it to others. When we stand firm as steel to principle, and when we are able to explain the “sin” underlying rebellious works, and when we are then able to explain the “love” that works contrary to rebellion, then we give the hungry and thirsty for righteousness a beacon of hope in the darkness.

When we “know” Yah, and can show Him to others, then we become lamps to those who are searching for truth. We allow the Spirit to do what the Savior intended, to 1) reveal sin to the world for its salvation, to 2) teach righteousness to the willing that they may be sanctified, and to 3) prepare those who hear our words for the judgment to come – the judgment through which we must each pass on the way to our Heavenly Home.

Let us read the inspired Writings for knowledge and wisdom of principle, losing no specifics, but learning how to apply the truth generally, broadly, and accurately, that we may effectively cooperate with the agencies of Heaven in Its ceaseless labor for the lost. This is our duty, and this is our blessed privilege, as the Children of the Most High.

Are there any comments or questions about tonight's study? All right, if there are none, then I will ask Bro. Luke to close the study with a prayer.

Lucan : *Dear heavenly Father...*

Guest_gadriel : C

Lucan : *We thank you for this time of sacred rest and rejoicing. We are blessed as we continue to find new descriptions of the work you have called us to do. Of course, for all the time you have described your work in series of three, we have a good understanding of the three messages you have given us to bear. We thank you for the blessing of your Spirit and the foundation of your Word as we carry out the gospel to the world. May we all spend the remaining Sabbath hours making the best use of both resources. In Yahshua’s name we pray, amen.*

Barbli : [Amen](#)

Guest_Elyna_Family : Amen.

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Zahakiel : **Amen.**

Guest_Naraiel9896 : Amen.

Daphna_Matthews : Amen

Guest_gadriel : Amen,Amen

Pastor_Chick_CSDA_7 : **Amen.**