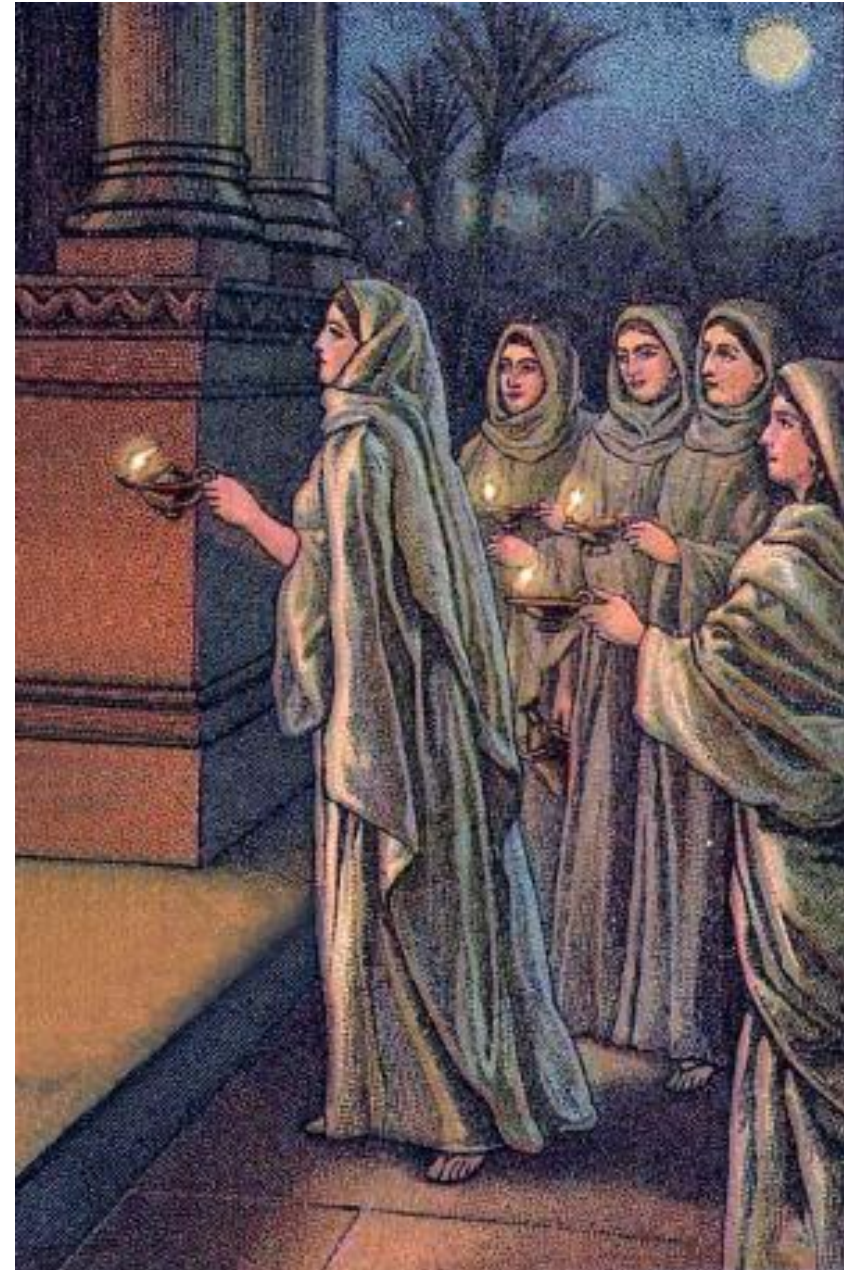


**Then** all those virgins arose,  
and *trimmed their lamps*.

Matt. 25:7

**Trim** [ trim ] *verb (used with object), trimmed, trim·ing*  
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.



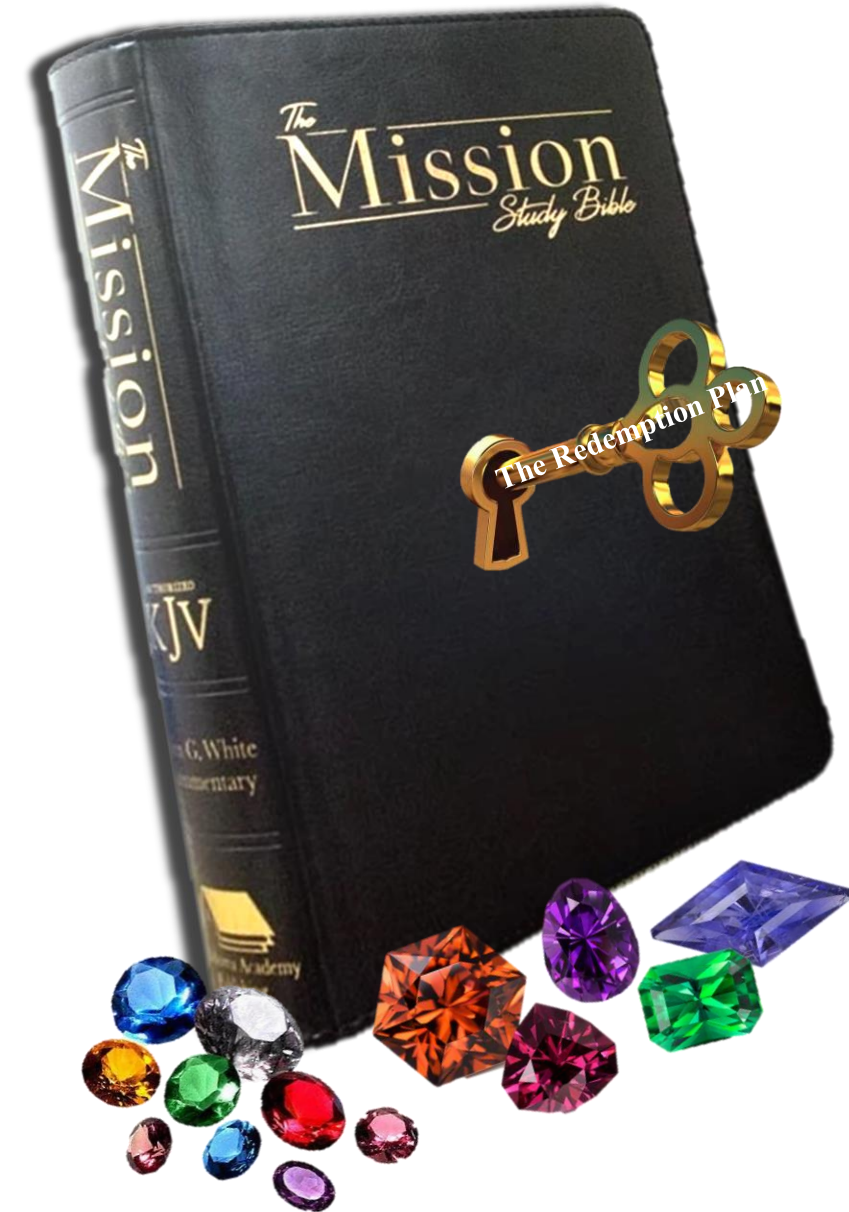
## Recipe For Studying God's Word



Isa. 28:9, 10, & 13

*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.

# Gems of Truth

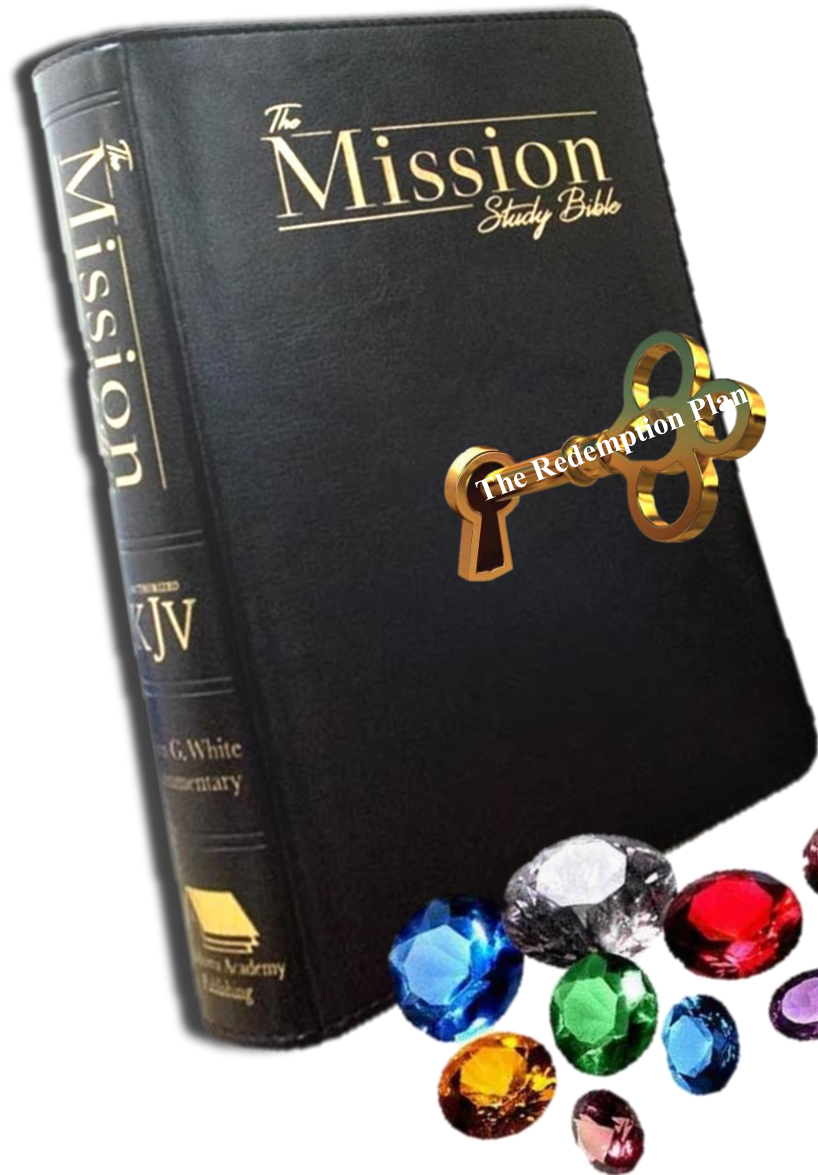


The *central theme of the Bible*, the theme about which every other in the whole book clusters, *is the redemption plan, the RESToration in the human soul of the image of God*. From the first intimation of hope in the sentence pronounced in Eden to that last glorious promise of the Revelation, “They 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.



# Gems of Truth

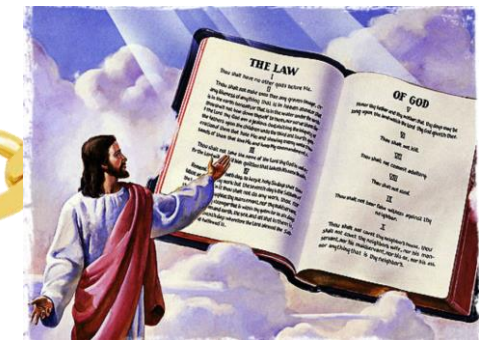
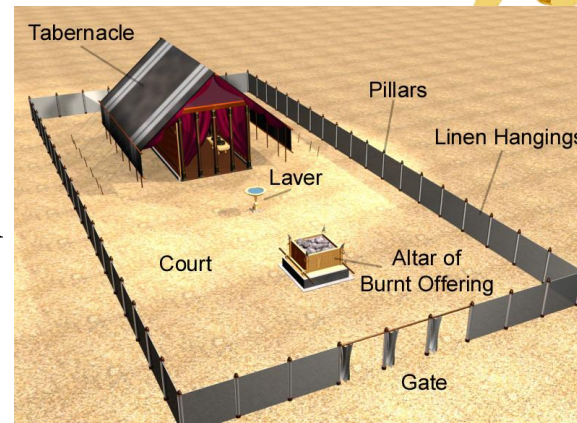
*He who grasps this thought has before him an infinite field for study. He has the key that will unlock to him the whole treasure house of God's word. {Ed, p. 126}*



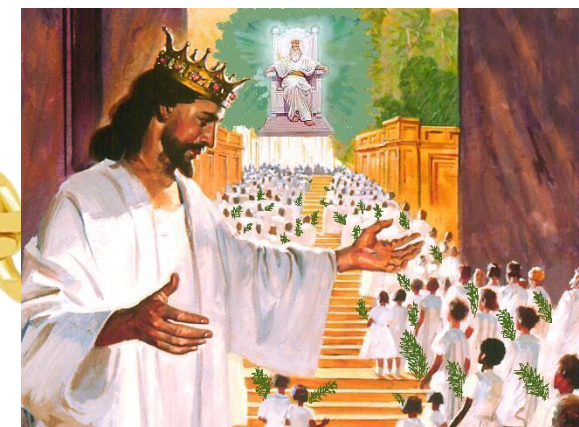
But such subjects as *the sanctuary*, in connection with *the 2300 days*, *the commandments of God* and *the faith of Jesus*, are perfectly calculated to

- (1) explain the past Advent movement
- (2) show what our present position is,
- (3) establish the faith of the doubting,
- (4) give certainty to the glorious future.

*principal: first in order of importance; main*



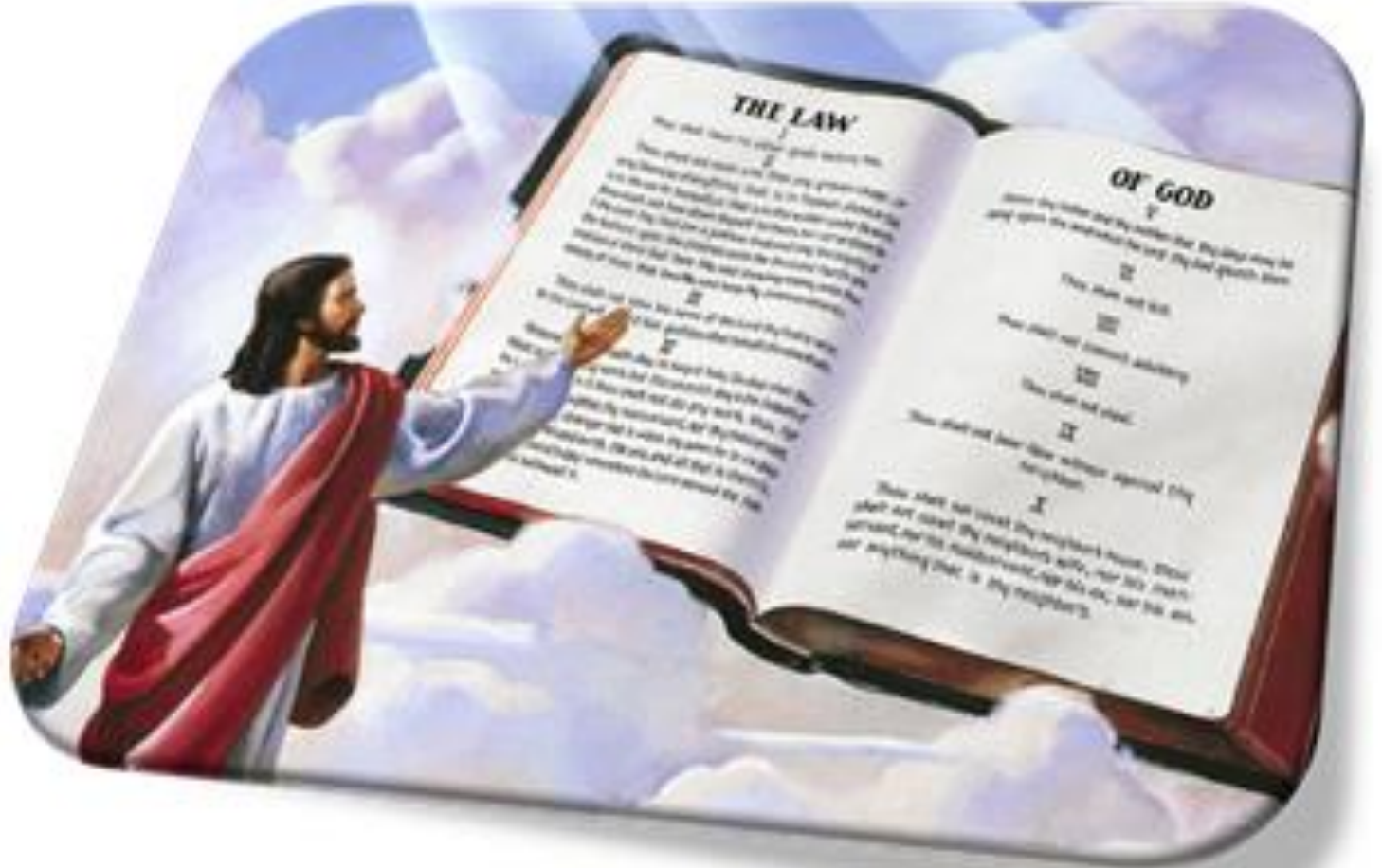
These, I have frequently seen, were *the principal subjects* on which the messengers should dwell. (EW 63)





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# The Precepts of the Decalogue





The ten commandments, Thou shalt, and Thou shalt not, are ten promises, assured to us if we render obedience to the law governing the universe. “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” Here is the sum and substance of the law of God. The terms of salvation for every son and daughter of Adam are here outlined (Manuscript 41, 1896).

*The Lord has given His holy commandments to be a wall of protection around His created beings,* and those who will keep themselves from the defilement of appetite and passion may become partakers of the divine nature.



The first four are pertaining to man's relationship to God



and the last six are pertaining to man's relationship with each other. (John 14:15 & 21; John 15:14)

The precepts of the Decalogue are adapted to all mankind, and they were given for the instruction and government of all. Ten precepts, brief, comprehensive, and authoritative, cover the duty of man to God and to his fellowman; and all [are] based upon the great fundamental principle of love. {1MCP 248}

1<sup>st</sup>

*This command promises to protect us from “false god worship/Idolatry” in our minds. God vows to be our God as long as we are obedient to His commands, statutes, and judgments.*

2<sup>nd</sup>

*This command promises to protect us from “false god worship/Idolatry” outwardly. God vows to be our God as long as we are obedient to His commands, statutes, and judgments.*

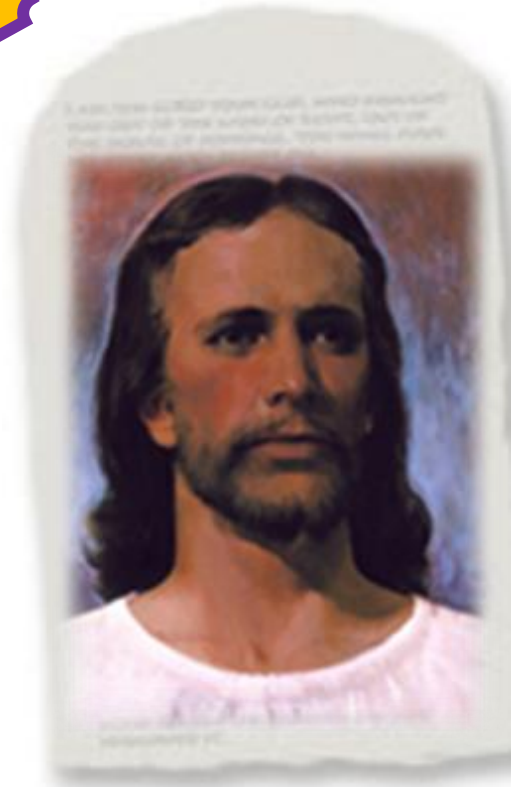
3<sup>rd</sup>

*This command promises to protect us from misrepresenting Christ with our words.*

4<sup>th</sup>

*This command promises to protect us from the “mark of the beast.” **It is a sign (or seal) between God and His worshippers.***

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The first four are pertaining to man's relationship to God

5<sup>th</sup>

*This command promises to protect the children if they honor and respect their elders as God's representatives.*

*It a promise with a promise.*

6<sup>th</sup>

*This command promises to teach us how to not harm our brethren physically as well as how to not harm our brethren's spiritual soul, which is their character.*

7<sup>th</sup>

*This command promises to preserve the pure and sacred union of marriage between a husband and wife.  
This union is to mirror the relationship of Christ and His people.*

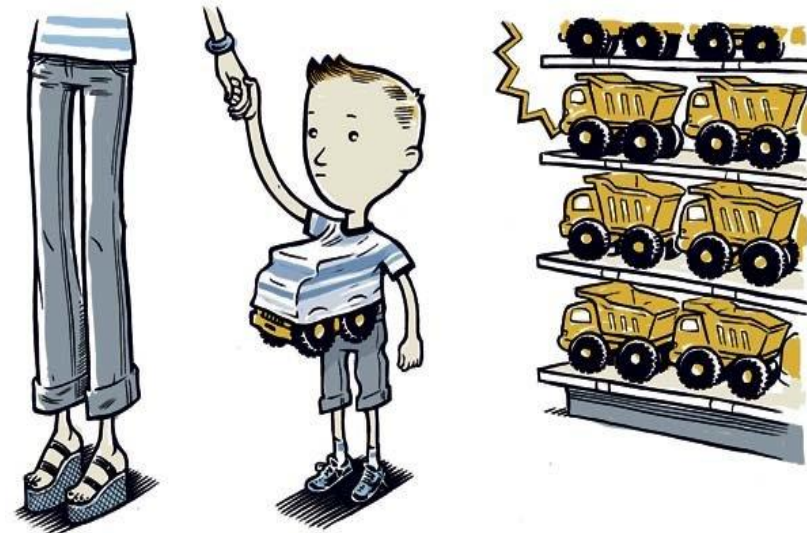
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The last six are pertaining to man's relationship with each other.

# Thou shalt not steal. Ex. 20:15

Both public and private sins are included in this prohibition.



***steal:*** to take the property of another wrongfully and especially as a habitual or regular practice



*“This is our special, special time.”*

“Thou shalt not steal” was written by the finger of God upon the tables of stone; yet how much underhand stealing of affections is practiced and excused. A deceptive courtship is maintained, private communications are kept up, until the affections of one who is inexperienced, and knows not whereunto these things may grow, are in a measure withdrawn from her parents and placed upon him who shows by the very course he pursues that he is unworthy of her love. The Bible condemns every species of dishonesty, and demands right doing under all circumstances. To trifle with hearts is a crime of no small magnitude in the sight of a holy God. {Letters to Young Lovers, p. 49}

The eighth commandment condemns

- manstealing (kidnapping) and
- slave dealing (held in or forced into servitude), and
- forbids wars of conquest (to gain or acquire by force of arms).



It condemns

- Theft (an unlawful taking) and
- Robbery (to take something away from by force).

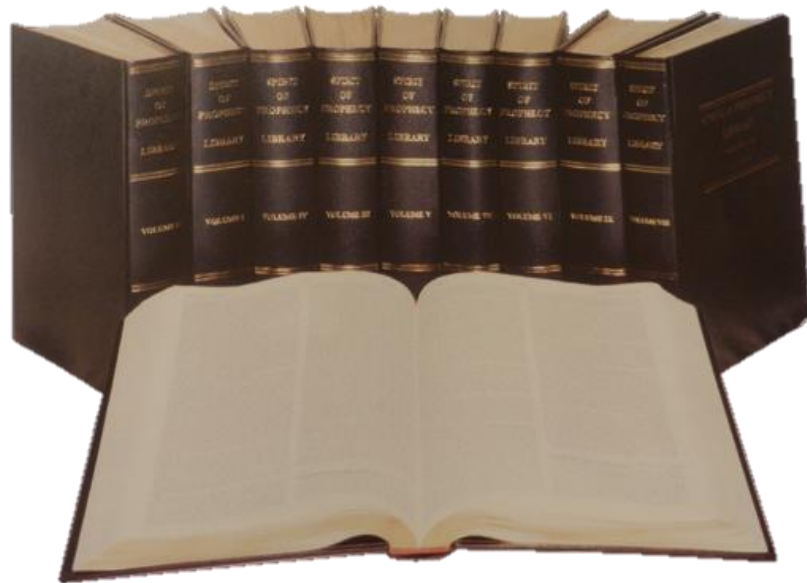
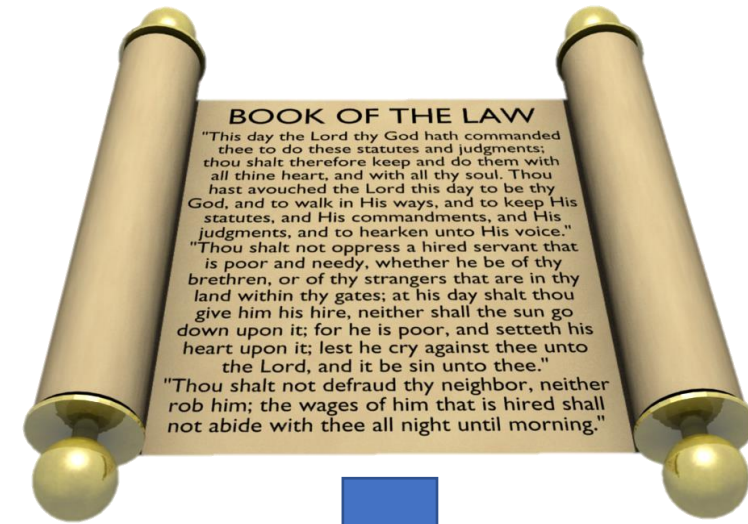


It demands strict integrity in the minutest details of the affairs of life.

- It forbids overreaching in trade, and
- requires the payment of just debts or wages.
- It declares that every attempt to advantage oneself by the ignorance, weakness, or misfortune of another is registered as fraud in the books of heaven. {PP 309}



*Read Ex. 21:16*



The minds of the people, blinded and debased by slavery and heathenism, were not prepared to appreciate fully the far-reaching principles of God's ten precepts. That the obligations of the Decalogue might be more fully understood and enforced, additional precepts were given, illustrating and applying the principles of the Ten Commandments.

These laws were called judgments, both because they were framed in infinite wisdom and equity and because the magistrates were to give judgment according to them. Unlike the Ten Commandments, they were delivered privately to Moses, who was to communicate them to the people. PP 310.1

Jesus continued: “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” By nature the heart is evil, and “who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.”

[Job 14:4.](#)

No human invention can find a remedy for the sinning soul. “The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” “Out of the heart proceed evil

thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.” [Romans 8:7;](#)

[Matthew 15:19.](#)







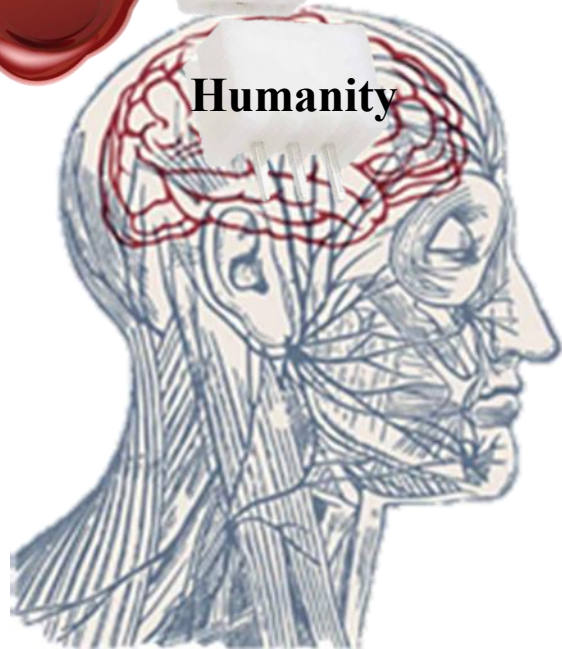
# Rom. 8:6 -13



**Satan**

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**Humanity**



**The Carnal Mind**

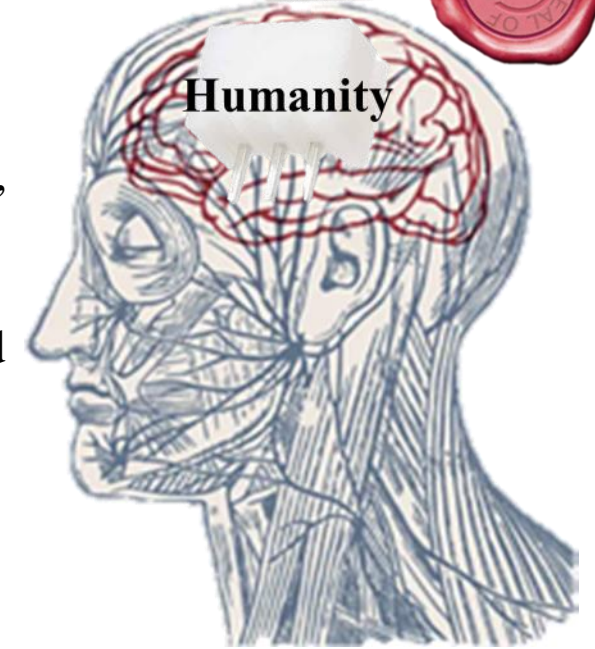
- the carnal mind is enmity against God
- in the flesh, you cannot please God
- if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die:
- the wages of sin is death
- worldly minded
- lust of the flesh
- lust of the eyes
- pride of life
- self-indulgence
- rebellious
- hard hearted
- Mark of the Beast
- destruction

- the spiritual mind is enmity against Satan
- in the Spirit, God dwell in you
- the Spirit is life because of righteousness
- if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.
- the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord
- missionary minded
- self-denial
- repentant
- sanctification (partaker of the divine nature)
- Seal of God
- restoration

**Divinity**



**Humanity**



**The Spiritual Mind**

For thousands of years Satan has been experimenting upon the properties of the human mind, and he has learned to know it well. By his subtle workings in these last days he is linking the human mind with his own, imbuing it with his thoughts; and he is doing this work in so deceptive a manner that those who accept his guidance know not that they are being led by him at his will. The great deceiver hopes so to confuse the minds of men and women that none but his voice will be heard.—

1MCP 18.1

The brain nerves which communicate with the entire system are the only medium through which Heaven can communicate to man and affect his inmost life. Whatever disturbs the circulation of the electric currents in the nervous system lessens the strength of the vital powers, and the result is a deadening of the sensibilities of the mind. CCh 101.1



The fountain of the heart must be purified before the streams can become pure. He who is trying to reach heaven by his own works in keeping the law is attempting an impossibility. There is no safety for one who has merely a legal religion, a form of godliness. The Christian's life is not a modification or improvement of the old, but ***a transformation of nature.***

There is a death to self and sin, and a new life altogether. This change can be brought about only by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

DA 172.1

## Read Matt. 15:19

**No Worldly Aspirations**—The people thought that John might be the promised Messiah. His life was so unselfish, marked with humility and self-denial. His teachings, exhortations, and reproofs, were fervent, sincere, and courageous. In his mission, he turned not to the right or to the left to court the favors or applause of any. He did not aspire to worldly honor or worldly dignity, but *was humble in heart and life*, and did not assume honors that did not belong to him. He assured his followers that he was not the Christ. [5BC 1119.6](#)



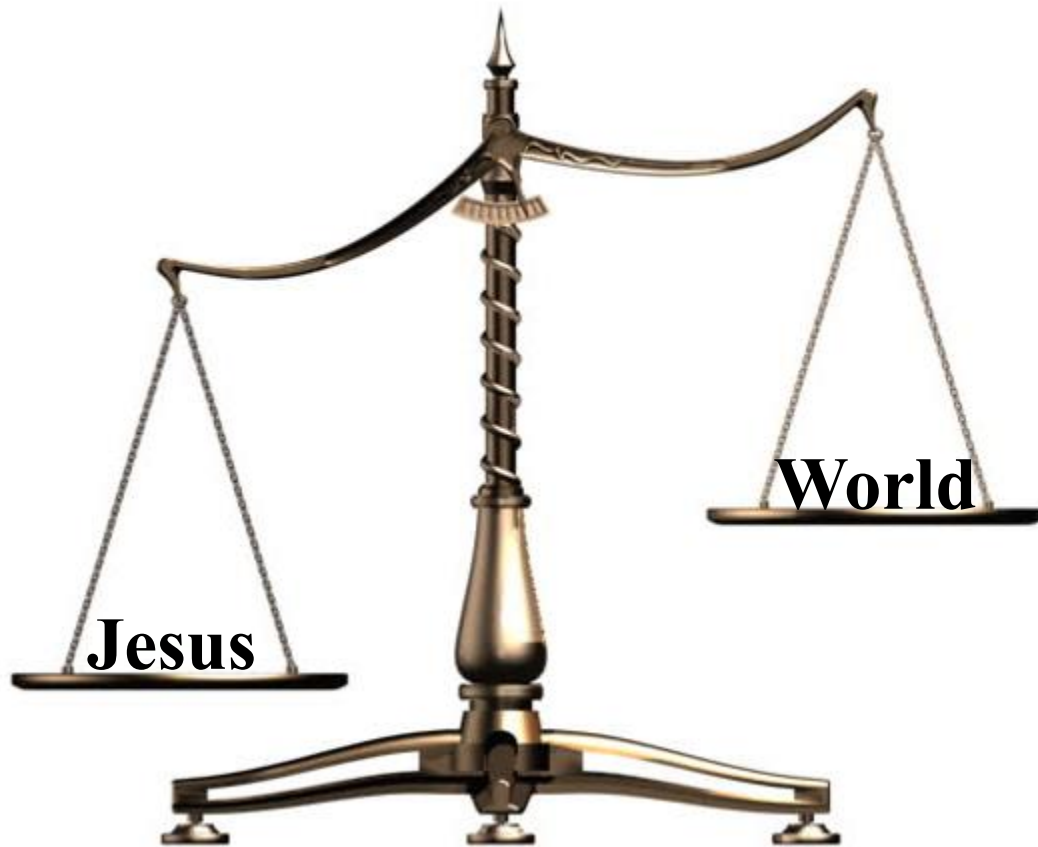


The eighth commandment is to barricade the soul, and hedge man in, so that he shall make no injurious encroachment—which his self-love and desire for gain would make on his neighbor's rights. It forbids every species of dishonesty, injustice, or fraud, however prevalent, however palliated by plausible pretenses. As we deal with our fellow men in petty dishonesty or in more daring fraud, so will we deal with God. {SD 63}

***encroachment:*** to enter by gradual steps or by stealth into the possessions or rights of another

Men seem moved with an insane desire to procure earthly possessions. Every species of dishonesty is practiced in order to accumulate wealth. Men pursue their business affairs with intense zeal, as though success in this line would be a surety for obtaining heaven. They bind up the Lord's entrusted capital in worldly goods, and there is no means with which to advance the kingdom of God in the world by relieving the mental and physical distress of the world's inhabitants.





Many who profess to be Christians fail to heed the command of Christ when He says, “Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Christ calls upon every one to consider. Make an honest reckoning. Put into one scale Jesus, which means eternal treasure, life, truth, heaven, and the joy of Christ in souls redeemed; put into the other every attraction the world can offer. Into one scale put the loss of your own soul, and the souls of those whom you might have been instrumental in saving; into the other, for yourself and for them, a life that measures with the life of God. Weigh for time and for eternity. While you are thus engaged, Christ speaks: “What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” Mark 8:36. COL 374.1



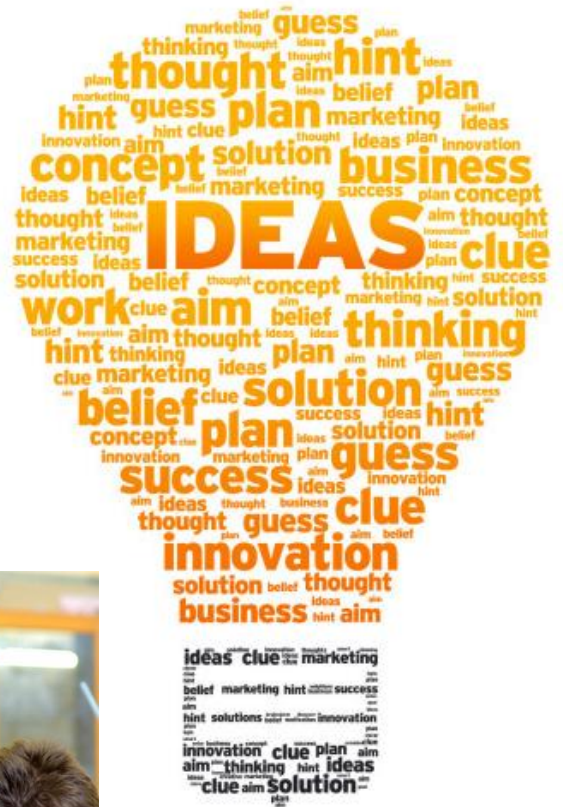
God desires us to choose the heavenly in place of the earthly. He opens before us the possibilities of a heavenly investment. He would give encouragement to our loftiest aims, security to our choicest treasure. He declares, “I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.” [Isaiah 13:12](#). When the riches that moth devours and rust corrupts shall be swept away, Christ's followers can rejoice in their heavenly treasure, the riches that are imperishable. Better than all the friendship of the world is the friendship of Christ's redeemed. Better than a title to the noblest palace on earth is a title to the mansions our Lord has gone to prepare. And better than all the words of earthly praise will be the Saviour's words to His faithful servants, “Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” [Matthew 25:34](#). COL 374.3

To those who have squandered His goods, Christ still gives opportunity to secure lasting riches. He says, “Give, and it shall be given unto you.”

“Provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.” [Luke 6:38](#); [12:33](#). “Charge them that are rich in this world, ... that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.” [1 Timothy 6:17-19](#). Then let your property go beforehand to heaven. Lay up your treasures beside the throne of God. Make sure your title to the unsearchable riches of Christ. [COL 374.4](#)



This commandment covers just such acts as these. Some have stolen the help that others have had the burden of bringing up and training for their own work. Any underhanded scheme, any influence brought to bear to try to secure help that others have engaged and trained, is nothing less than downright stealing. {CH 283}



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Thou shalt not steal. Ex. 20:15

*This command promises to  
unite us in justice, honesty,  
and trustworthiness when  
dealing with each other.  
(Eph. 4:28)*



High Priest

Anti-Type

Heb. 9:11



Dan. 8:14

Matt. 13:24-30



*Most Holy Place*

Rev 20:12

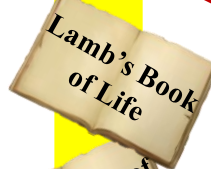
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Rev. 20:12



Mal. 3:16



Dan. 7:10



Rev 14:7 & 12

- *Identifies* the Law of God
- *Identifies* the Judgment
- *Identifies* True Worship (Victory Over Sin)
- *Identifies* True Worshipers (the Remnant)
- *Identifies* God's Prophet (Spirit of Prophecy written by Ellen G. White)

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**TWO CLASSES**

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

*5 Wise & 5 Foolish Virgins – Matt. 25:2*





*Christ walking among the Candlesticks*

**39yrs**

*Probationary Time For the Jews*

**3 1/2 YRS**



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*The Disciples*  
Acts 2:1-4



*Devote Jews*  
Acts 2:5; Acts 2:37 & 41



*Multitude*  
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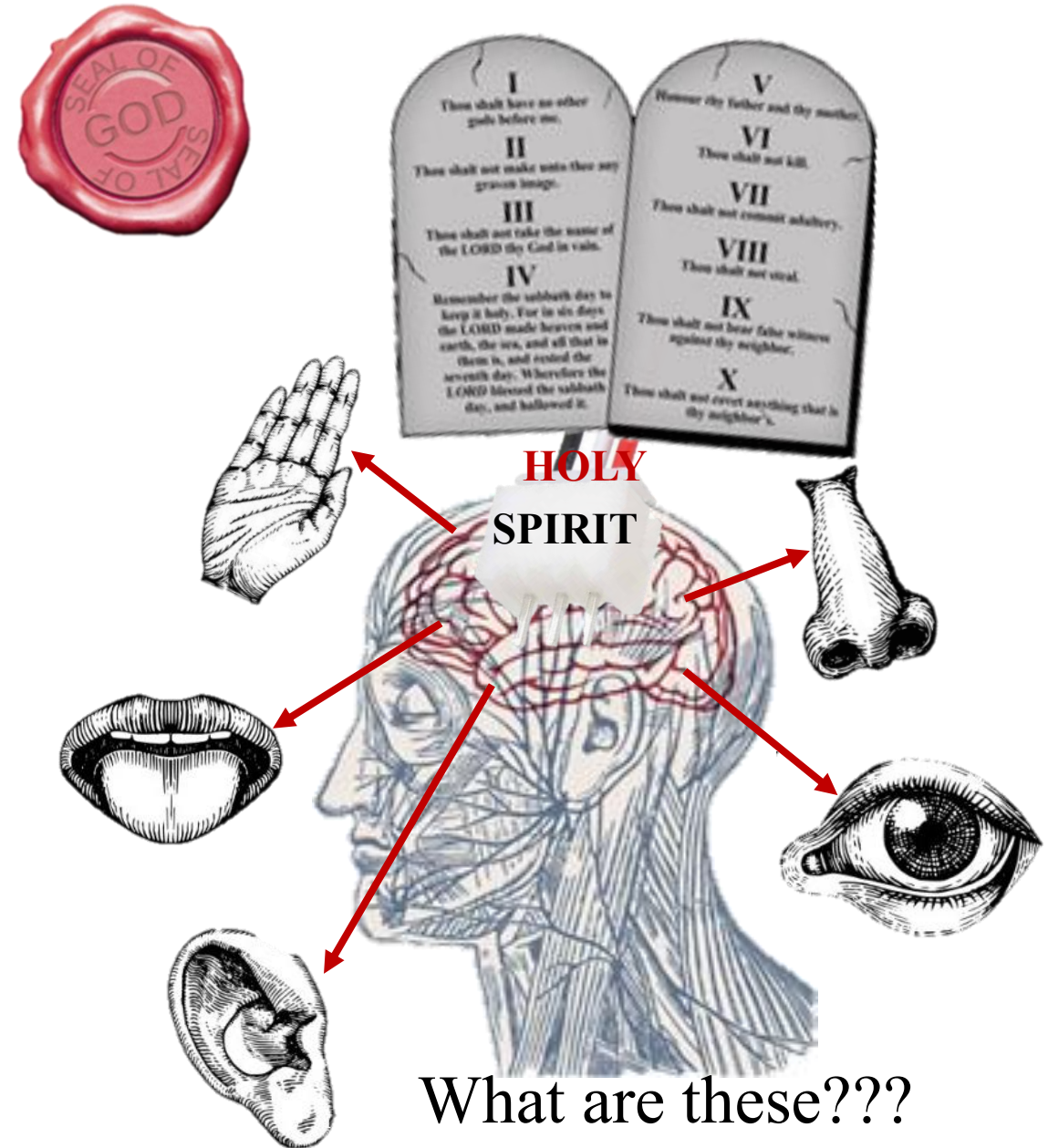
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*To prepare a people to stand true to God for  
when the gospel went to the Gentiles*

Every relation in life, every position of responsibility, every affection and habit, every emotion of the mind, is to be brought to the great standard of righteousness, *the commandments of God*, which are exceeding broad. We must have simplicity of heart that we may understand, and willingness of mind to practise, all the teachings of God's word. .

*Christ came to make us "partakers of the divine nature," and His life declares that humanity, combined with divinity, does not commit sin.*

Tem 107.1



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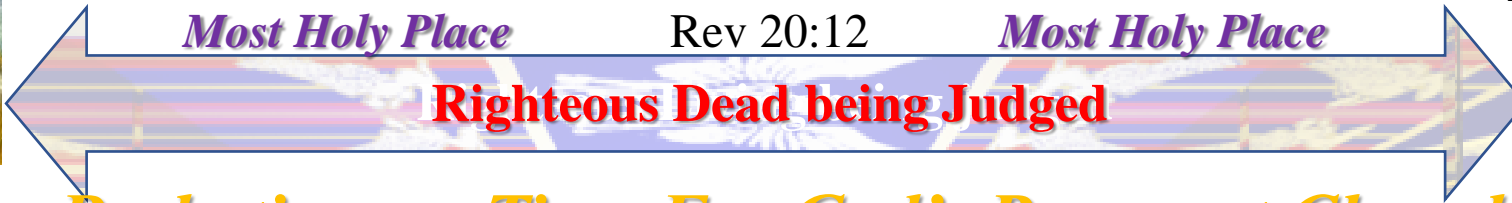
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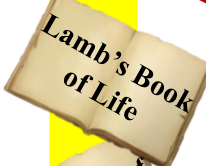
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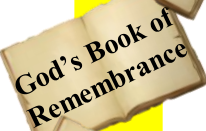
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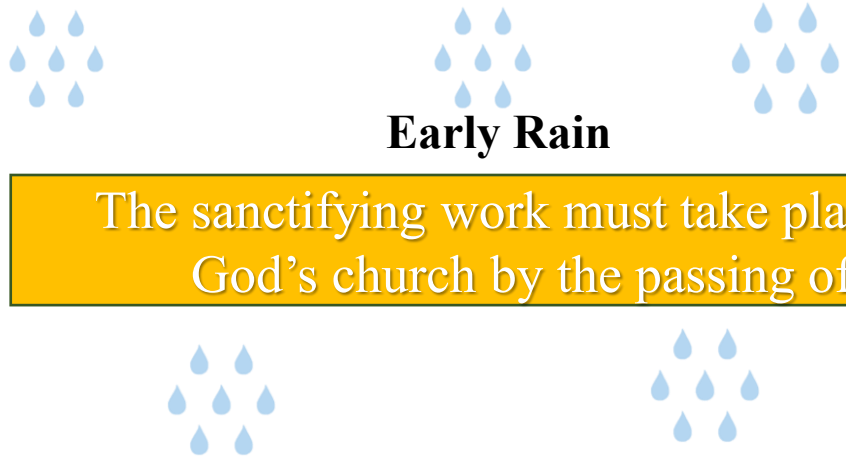
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**Rev 14:7 & 12**

Christ is coming the second time,  
with power unto salvation.

To prepare human beings for this  
event, He has sent the first,  
second, and third angels'  
messages. (?)

These angels represent those who  
receive the truth (?), and with  
power (?) open the gospel  
to the world. (?) {7BC 978}

# Homework

Read the  
Exodus 20:15

