



Salvation and Preparation for the End Time Lesson 8 2Q 2018 Worship the Creator

presented by Tim Jennings (announcements at end)

Kent Johnson, an online listener, sent in the following email this week:

It's amazing how much I come across the non legal way of looking at salvation now that I've learned to see God's law with new lenses. Thank you again for providing this understanding. Such a neat quote below.

"Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving - kindness of the Lord." **God's healing power runs all through nature.** If a tree is cut, if a human being is wounded or breaks a bone, nature begins at once to repair the injury. **Even before the need exists, the healing agencies are in readiness;** and as soon as a part is wounded, every energy is bent to the work of restoration. **So it is in the spiritual realm. Before sin created the need, God had provided the remedy.** Every soul that yields to temptation is wounded, bruised, by the adversary; but whenever there is sin, there is the Saviour. It is Christ's work "to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, ... to set at liberty them that are bruised." Luke 4:18. Ed 113.1

In this work we are to co - operate. "If a man be overtaken in a fault, ... restore such an one." Galatians 6:1. **The word here translated "restore" means to put in joint, as a dislocated bone. How suggestive the figure! He who falls into error or sin is thrown out of relation to everything about him.** He may realize his error, and be filled with remorse; but he cannot recover himself. He is in confusion and perplexity, worsted and helpless. **He is to be reclaimed, healed, re - established.** "Ye which are spiritual, restore such an one." **Only the love that flows from the heart of Christ can heal.** Only he in whom that love flows, even as the sap in the tree or the blood in the body, **can restore the wounded soul.** Ed 113.2

Love's agencies have wonderful power, for they are divine. The soft answer that "turneth away wrath," the love that "suffereth long, and is kind," the charity that "covereth a multitude of sins" (Proverbs 15:1; 1 Corinthians 13:4, R.V.; 1 Peter 4:8, R.V.) - **would we learn the lesson, with what power for healing would our lives be gifted! How life would be transformed, and the earth become a very likeness and foretaste of heaven!**" Ed 114.1

Wow—wasn't that a powerful quote? This is the truth about God's law, it is design law, and we as a Christian people will never fulfill God's plan until we reject the imposed law lie and return to worship our Creator God!



SABBATH

Read first paragraph, “As Seventh-day Adventist Christians...” Are SDAs the only ones who believe in the concept of present truth, that truth unfolds over time?

And if Christians of any group believe this, how would it manifest? Would it manifest by doggedly defending ideas that are centuries old when better insights and understandings present, or leaving old ideas behind when truth presents?

Let’s give an example of truth for a time that is no longer truth today and in fact if clung to today obstructs the truth for this time:

- Historically, the Roman Church had come to a point in history where they held people hostage to the authority of the church institution. Salvation was dependent not upon a trust relationship with Jesus Christ alone, but a combination of faith in Jesus and works controlled by the church to include penance, baptism, mass, and indulgences. Further, salvation could be obtained through purging of the wickedness after death in a place called purgatory. A living person could help a loved one out of purgatory by purchasing a pass from the church to accomplish this.
- Martin Luther wanted to remove the power of the church to hold people hostage with the false teaching about purgatory, so in his theology he developed the idea of penal substitution—the idea that all sins were placed upon Christ and punished in Christ thus when a person accepts Christ there is nothing left to punish or purge as it was already done in Christ. The sinner needs only the legal application of Christ to their heavenly record.

This was a powerful idea which helped millions break free from the falsehood of purgatory and the power of the institutional church to send souls to heaven or hell. The truth that Luther presented was that Salvation is found in Jesus not in a church institution, but is his theory of how it mechanically worked, the penal view truth for today? No! Why?

Because penal substitution theology is based upon the lie that God’s law functions like human law—imposed rules requiring imposed penalties. Martin Luther, coming from such deeply seated distortions, falsehood, darkness was not capable of comprehending and correcting all the errors. He corrected many, but left man uncorrected—the biggest the imposed law construct.

As the lesson says in the second paragraph, the message for this time is the 3 angel’s messages which is the message to worship the Creator—which requires we reject the imposed law, embrace design law and reject the false theologies based on imposed law, including penal substitution theology.

This week I was reading in the book *Prophets and Kings* and came across this:

There is no such thing as weakening or strengthening the law of Jehovah. As it has been, so it is. It always has been, and always will be, holy, just, and good, complete in itself. It



cannot be repealed or changed. [what kind of law is this? It is design law] To "honor" or "dishonor" it is but the speech of men. {PK 625.1}

Between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah will come the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. [What kind of laws do men enact? Imposed law, but God's law is design law. The final conflict will be over this issue, and upon what type of law does penal substitution theology rest? Imposed law! It is a lie that has infected Christianity and God is waiting for a people to cast it off] **Upon this battle we are now entering--a battle not between rival churches contending for the supremacy, but between the religion of the Bible and the religions of fable and tradition...**[We are not in a battle between rival churches? How much of SDA eschatology has pitted the SDA church against the Roman and other Sunday keeping churches? Such a construct is a lie, we are not battling against other churches, but against the pagan god constructs that operate upon imposed law, inflict imposed punishments and require propitiation with a human sacrifice. We are to come back and worship Him who made the heavens...Why does it seem the SDA church battles against other churches? Because the SDA church, which I love, has been infected with the same imposed lie as all the other churches, and having accepted that lie about the law many in leadership in the SDA church don't see the true gospel and therefore focus on the doctrinal differences between church groups.] {PK 625.2}

What is fable? A story not founded in fact—the idea that God's law functions like human law then is a fable—a story not founded in fact; humanity has accepted that fable and we are called to present to truth to set people free!

SUNDAY

The title The Universality of the Gospel: What is the gospel? How would you define the good news?

Why is the idea that Jesus died for our sins NOT the universal gospel?

- Is the gospel only for humans or for all beings in the universe?
 - “But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all to myself.” John 12:32
 - The gospel is for all beings in the universe, not just humans. Did Angels in heaven need Jesus to die for their sins?
 - “For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” Col 1:19,20
 - Was something about what Christ accomplished at the cross necessary for the angels in heaven? Yes—was it that they needed Him to die for their sins? No! So, the idea that the universal gospel is Jesus dying for our sins is incorrect. A correct way to say it would be: Jesus dying for our sins is an expression or outworking or manifestation or revelation or consequence or evidence of the gospel.



- Did Jesus' death on the cross pay for the sins of Satan?
- If the gospel is universal—for all beings, but the death of Christ on the cross was not to save Satan then the death of Christ on the cross for our sin problem is not the universal gospel, but an acting out of, or result of, or expression of the universal gospel.
- Another way to say it is: was there no gospel before sin? Or is the good news an eternal gospel, true in eternity past?

Consider this commentator's view on what was Satan's opportunity for salvation, what do you think? And what are the implications?

God in His great mercy bore long with Lucifer. He was not immediately degraded from his exalted station when he first indulged the spirit of discontent, **nor even when he began to present his false claims before the loyal angels.** [What are false claims? Would it be bearing false witness about God and Jesus to the angels? Attempts to incite rebellion? Is this sin?] Long was he retained in heaven. **Again and again he was offered pardon on condition of repentance and submission.** [If he was offered pardon on condition of repentance wouldn't that mean he had sinned and needed both pardon and repentance? But in this account where is the blood payment of a sinless sacrifice?] Such efforts as only infinite love and wisdom could devise were made to convince him of his error. The spirit of discontent had never before been known in heaven. Lucifer himself did not at first see whither he was drifting; he did not understand the real nature of his feelings. But as his dissatisfaction was proved to be without cause, **Lucifer was convinced that he was in the wrong**, that the divine claims were just, and that he ought to acknowledge them as such before all heaven. **Had he done this, he might have saved himself and many angels.** He had not at this time fully cast off his allegiance to God. Though he had forsaken his position as covering cherub, yet if he had been willing to return to God, acknowledging the Creator's wisdom, and satisfied to fill the place appointed him in God's great plan, **he would have been reinstated in his office. But pride forbade him to submit.** He persistently defended his own course, maintained that he had no need of repentance, and fully committed himself, in the great controversy, against his Maker. {GC 495.3}

Was there good news, a gospel, in that description? What was the gospel or good news described? Was it not the same eternal good news as is manifested in the Cross—the good news about God's character of love?

According to this view, was the death of Christ necessary for the reinstatement of Satan? Why not—he had already borne false witness, which is breaking God's law, why was a death penalty not necessary for his sin?

Because sin has never been a legal issue, sin does not need to be punished, that is Satan's lie, sin is deviation from design law, which results in a terminal condition that needs to be cured, healed—the sinfulness needs to be removed.



So, how was it Satan could have been restored without the death of Christ but humanity could not, if you believe this view?

The same author has a rational:

But even as a sinner, man was in a different position from that of Satan. Lucifer in heaven had sinned in the light of God's glory. To him as to no other created being was given a revelation of God's love. Understanding the character of God, knowing His goodness, Satan chose to follow his own selfish, independent will. This choice was final. There was no more that God could do to save him. **But man was deceived; his mind was darkened by Satan's sophistry.** The height and depth of the love of God he did not know. **For him there was hope in a knowledge of God's love. By beholding His character he might be drawn back to God.** {DA 761.5}

What was the difference? What then was necessary for human beings to be saved?

Why did Christ have to die for human beings? Two reasons—to reveal the truth and to cure the condition.

Why could Lucifer have returned without that? Because, Lucifer was not born with a corrupted or fallen nature and at the point that he was offered pardon he had not fully hardened himself beyond restoration and if he would have humbled himself, rejected the lies, embraced the truth it would have been healing to him. But no human being after Adam sinned had the ability to discern the truth nor choose it, nor overcome the internal corruption with which we are born, thus Christ had to do it for us.

So, with this in mind, what is the gospel—the eternal gospel, the gospel that has always been true in eternity past and eternity future?

The truth about God, His character and methods of love!

And the imposed law with its penal substitution theology opposes the good news, presents a false gospel and puts barriers between people and God.

The first paragraph states, “In a sense, one can say that the first angel’s message is the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19) given now in the context of the last days.

Let’s compare the Great Commission and the First Angel’s Message:

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Mt 28:19,20



Revelation 14:7:

“Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

How is the message of the first angel the gospel commission? It again goes back to whether we are presenting the truth of God or fables and tradition. If we present the fable that God’s law is like human law then we are not presenting the gospel—the first angel’s message is instead a message of bad news—that God the ruling authority is examining records and if you don’t have both the legal payment of Jesus to pay for your past sins AND observe the right religious observances then God, when Jesus ceases His intercessions will see all your remaining sins and inflict just pain, suffering, torture and ultimate death upon you.

But, when we come to the truth about God’s law as design law, we reject the pagan fables that have corrupted the gospel and realize that we are to give God glory by revealing His character and methods in how we live because the time has finally come in human history for people to make a right judgment about God and stop worshipping the dictator and instead worship Him who made the heavens, earth, sea...

Mt 28:19,20 from *The Remedy*:

So go and spread the Remedy to the entire world: Teach the people of every nation, immersing their hearts and minds into the character and methods of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teach them to live in harmony with the law of love—the design protocols upon which life is built—exactly as I have instructed you. And you can be sure that I am always with you—all the way, right through to the very end of time."

Read third paragraph, “The universality...” What is the emphasis? “have done wrong”...which implies or reveals what?

Does all have sinned mean all are in legal trouble?

Does “all have sinned and are fallen short of the glory of God?” mean they are short of the glory of God because they have sinned, or that they have sinned *because* they are short of the glory of God?

Is it the sins, the bad deeds that causes one to be short of the glory of God, or is it the character, the condition of the heart?

David wrote in Psalms 51:5: “I have been evil from the day I was born; from the time I was conceived, I have been sinful.” GNT

Was he short of the glory of God at birth? Had the baby David done a sin to cause him to be short of the glory of God?

Are humans and the nations short of the glory of God because we have done wrong, or do we do



wrong because we are short of the glory of God?

The sins, the bad deeds, the wrongs are symptoms of a condition with which we were born because of Adam and Eve. This condition is a terminal condition and results in death, but BEFORE we die of this condition we suffer with symptoms, those symptoms are both internal and external. Internal symptoms include fear, guilt, shame, lust, selfishness. External symptoms include the bad behaviors, what we call sins.

The problem with the false legal view is that sin is considered to be the bad deeds and the bad deeds need punishing, which obstructs the internal condition being cleansed and healed. People claim legal salvation for their sins but don't experience renewal of heart in order to actual live in God's presence.

The last paragraph has it right, Jesus is our remedy to the sin problem!

MONDAY

The lesson asks us to review the account of the thief on the cross who put his trust in Jesus and asks "How does this story reveal the great hope of the 'everlasting gospel' for all sinners?"

What was the gospel the thief had presented to him?

Did the thief have someone say to him, "If you accept Jesus as your personal Savior all your sins will be placed on Him and right now He will be punished by God for your sins and God will accept that payment and then God won't torture you in hell for all eternity—because God loves you?"

No! This was not what the thief saw—what gospel did the thief see?

He saw the crowd mocking Jesus. He saw the religious leaders reject Him, taunt Him, crucify Him. And he saw Jesus, love His enemies, forgive His abusers, be kind, think about others, and was any of this the gospel, the good news that won the thief?

I like the question the lesson asks, "Did Jesus, in any way, bring up the thief's past mistakes?"

Did Jesus say, "Have you repented of every sin you ever committed?" Or "Did you ask for the payment of my blood to be applied your account in heaven so my Father can legally pardon you?"

Read last two paragraphs, "No. Instead, Jesus..." What are they saying the gospel is?

Is the gospel that we can be forgiven of our sins, or does the gospel result in our being forgiven of our sins?

What leads us to repentance according to Scripture?



do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance? Rom 2:4 NIV84

If the kindness of God leads us to repentance, if knowing God is eternal life (Jn17:3), then what would Satan want to do? Would Satan want us to see God as kind? So what ideas might Satan want taught in Christianity? How about that God, in order to be just, must punish sin? That God is the source of inflicted torture and death upon those who won't repent? Does this show God to be kind? And if we don't know God, if we don't experience God's kindness then the method God uses to lead us to repentance is obstructed!

TUESDAY

The lesson is about the first angel's message and fearing God and giving Him glory, read third paragraph, "In the verses above..." thoughts?

The lesson states: "Who hasn't at moments faced the startling realization of the evil of their deeds and what they would deserve at the hands of a just and righteous God for those deeds? This is the *fear of God*."

Is this the gospel or is this the lie, the false gospel, the distortion of Satan that infects Christianity and prevents the true gospel from lighting the world?

Where is the emphasis—is it that we should be afraid of sin, or afraid of God who will do terrible things to you because of sin?

The Bible says that perfect love casts out all fear, how is it that if we have perfect love we will fear cast out, yet the lesson tells us that we are to be afraid of God?

What kind of fear does perfect love cast out?

Does love cast out awe, admiration, respect? No! Does love cast out terror, dread, fearfulness? Yes!

Thus, the lie of Satan is that we should be afraid of God because God gives rules and then is the source of uncompromising punishment—so be terrified of Him. This lie undermines trust!

Consider these quotations—something the SDA church taught in its inception, but which seems to contradict what we just read in the lesson:

From the beginning it has been Satan's studied plan to cause men to forget God, that he might secure them to himself. Hence he has sought to **misrepresent the character of God**, to lead men to cherish a false conception of Him. **The Creator has been presented to their minds as clothed with the attributes of the prince of evil himself,—as arbitrary, severe, and unforgiving,—that He might be feared, shunned, and even hated by men.** Satan hoped to so



confuse the minds of those whom he had deceived that they would put God out of their knowledge. **Then he would obliterate the divine image in man and impress his own likeness upon the soul;** he would imbue men with his own spirit and make them captives according to his will. {5T 738.1}

According to this view it is Satan's goal to instill in our minds ideas that would cause of to be afraid of God—did we hear something similar in the lesson? And what is that evidence of? The infection of imposed law operating in the minds of people!

How can Satan get people to teach lies about God yet have them believe they are on God's side? By getting them to accept the lie about the law, once that happens, then in their worldview it is only right and just for God to enforce His law and thus God becomes the one from whom we need protection.

Consider this quote:

The law of Jehovah was burdened with needless exactions and traditions, and God was represented as severe, exacting, revengeful, and arbitrary. [Consider the meaning, the law was burdened with needless exactions, what kind of law can we do that to? Imposed law!] He was pictured as one who could take pleasure in the sufferings of his creatures. The very attributes that belonged to the character of Satan, the evil one represented as belonging to the character of God. Jesus came to teach men of the Father, to correctly represent him before the fallen children of earth. Angels could not fully portray the character of God, but Christ, who was a living impersonation of God, could not fail to accomplish the work. The only way in which he could set and keep men right was to make himself visible and familiar to their eyes. [What is setting men right called in theological jargon? Justification, what is keeping men right? Sanctification—and according to this author what is the only way to do that? By a legal payment? No! By a revelation of the truth about God, why? Because what sets us wrong? Believing lies about God! {ST, January 20, 1890}

The truth is that sin kills, not God. God is the source of life and only and always seeks to heal and restore those who will let Him. We have nothing to fear from God, we should fear unremedied sin in our lives!

Does it make a difference in obeying God as to what level of development we are?

Could a person at one level of development, think they are obeying God, and in the very act that they believe is obeying God they are actually misrepresenting God?

- Why was David not permitted to build the Temple? Because he had killed so many people—Did David's killing of enemies represent God in the best light? But who empowered him to succeed in his many acts of violence?
- Why did Saul of Tarsus seek to persecute those who accepted Jesus? Was Saul doing this because Saul was seeking to obey or disobey God? Did Saul's actions in doing this bring glory to God?



So, is it sufficient to suggest that we give God glory by obeying Him and then tie various behaviors to our obedience things like:

- A dress code?
- A dietary code?
- Some ritual observance, baptism in a certain way, foot washing?
- Worship in a certain way—pray so many times per day facing a certain direction or going to church on a certain day?

Is this what it means to glorify God?

Did Rahab bring glory to God? When, by doing what? She is in the hall of faith...what did she do? Behaviorally, she lied, she deceived, but characterologically she sacrificed self, she put self in harm's way to protect others. Did her actions glorify God?

What does it mean to give God glory to observe certain codes or rituals, or to have the character of Christ reproduced within such that we love God and others more than self and thus live in harmony with God's design laws?

Could living in harmony with God's design laws mean that we might break some religious codes or rules, like David did when he ate the show bread, or Jesus did when He healed on Sabbath and instructed people do things that, in that culture, were considered working on Sabbath?

WEDNESDAY

What is being referred to by the hour of His judgment has come? What law lens do you view the three angel's messages through?

Read first paragraph, "In the first angel's..." Notice again the lesson is putting ideas in the minds of people that the problem is not sinfulness, not the condition which injures us, damages us, and separates us from God—no, that isn't the problem. The problem is God and what He will do to you for the sin.

The lesson states, "No wonder people need to fear God." How horrible! This is a lie—we do NOT need to fear God. God is our friend. God is our Creator. God is our comforter. God is our counselor. God is our Savior. God is our tender Father. "If God is for us who can be against us."

But the lesson posits that God is against us. That God is the enemy from whom we need to fear and be protected. This is Satan's goal to infect our minds with ideas that God will hurt us if something isn't done to God.

Don't think this is a problem only in the SDA church—it is Christianity wide. I was listening to Christian radio last week and heard a preacher from a local non-SDA church saying all these same types of things.



Read second paragraph, “And that’s why the...” What are they saying? Why won’t we face the penalty and punishment that we deserve for our sin and lawbreaking?

What law lens?

The imposed law posits that it is because all the sins were placed on Jesus and God punished Jesus for those sins and the saved have accepted the legal payment for their sins and thus the record has been erased from the books.

The design law view realizes that in accepting Jesus we open our hearts in trust and He writes His law, (design law) into our inmost being and we are healed, renewed, reborn, transformed, recreated with new character and thus sin is purged from us and we don’t suffer the penalty and punishment from sin because we are cured from it.

Read third paragraph, “The God who knows...” What does this mean? Through what law lens to you understand it?

Does God’s judgment of the world mean judicial or diagnostic?

Ephraim is tied to his idols, let him go...is this a judgment?

How does Christ’s righteousness get us through the judgment?

There are two theories—one which covers, hides, obscures truth and the other which reveals truth.

The legal view is a view of lies, deceit, and distortion. It states that the righteousness of Christ covers our wickedness, we are still unrighteous but the Father can no longer see our unrighteousness because Jesus righteousness covers us. Notice the deception, the lie, the obscuring of truth.

This is Satan’s methods being applied to God. God is truth and His methods always bring truth to light. Thus, we never find methods of distortion or deceit in God’s plan.

Here is one view of the covering of Christ’s robe of righteousness, notice in this view there is no deceit, no covering over, no obscuring of reality:

This robe, woven in the loom of heaven, has in it not one thread of human devising. Christ in His humanity wrought out a perfect character, and this character He offers to impart to us.... By His perfect obedience He has made it possible for every human being to obey God's commandments. When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life. This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness. Then as the Lord looks upon us He sees, not the fig-



leaf garment, not the nakedness and deformity of sin, but His own robe of righteousness, which is perfect obedience to the law of Jehovah. {COL 311.4}

This is the reality—the healing of the inner person, the partaking of the divine nature, the design law of God being restored within the believer.

The legal lie, the penal view, distorts God’s character, instills fear of God, leads people to distrust God and creates theologies designed to hide us from Him which ultimately uses Satan’s methods of distortion, deceit, coercion, and punishment.

Read last paragraph, “Man cannot meet these charges...” What does this mean? What law lens are you reading this through?

Who is the accuser? Who listens to Satan’s allegations? All heaven says, “The Lord rebuke you Satan” no one in heaven listens to Satan.

When Satan alleges our sins are too great for God to forgive, that we are too corrupt for God to love, that if God saw our sins He would be overcome with wrath, anger, and lash out in fury to punish, who listens to such lies? Only sinful humans are susceptible to such lies—then to whom is Jesus pleading?

Jesus is pleading to you and to me to realize God’s love for us, God’s true character, God’s patience, grace, goodness and accept the truth that God never needed persuasion to save us—WE NEEDED persuasion to be saved!

So, one of the founders of the SDA church wrote:

Through the plan of salvation, **Jesus is breaking Satan's hold upon the human family and rescuing souls from his power.** All the hatred and malignity of the archrebel is stirred as he beholds the evidence of Christ's supremacy, and with fiendish power and cunning he works to wrest from Him the remnant of the children of men who have accepted His salvation. {LHU 234.2}

He leads men into skepticism, causing them to lose confidence in God and to separate from His love; he tempts them to break His law, and then he claims them as his captives and contests the right of Christ to take them from him. He knows that those who seek God earnestly for pardon and grace will obtain it; **therefore he presents their sins *before them to discourage them.*** He is constantly seeking occasion against those who are trying to obey God. Even their best and most acceptable services he seeks to make appear corrupt. **By countless devices, the most subtle and the most cruel, he endeavors to secure their condemnation.** [by whom? Whom does Satan seek to get us condemned? Is it not in our own minds, that we conclude we are beyond salvation, too sinful to be loved?] Man cannot meet these charges himself. In his sin-stained garments, confessing his guilt, he stands before God. **But Jesus our Advocate presents an effectual plea in behalf of all who by repentance and faith have**



committed the keeping of their souls to Him. He pleads their cause and vanquishes their accuser by the mighty arguments of Calvary. [To whom is Jesus pleading? Who needs to have the allegations of Satan refuted? Who needs to believe that God loves them and Jesus' righteousness is sufficient for them? Does God need to be persuaded that Jesus' righteousness is sufficient to save a sinner? Who doubts? It is you and me that need to hear Jesus' plea!] His perfect obedience to God's law, even unto the death of the cross, has given Him all power in heaven and in earth, and He claims of His Father mercy and reconciliation for guilty man. [notice now to whom Jesus speaks] **To the accuser of His people He declares: "'The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan.'** These are the purchase of My blood, brands plucked from the burning." Those who rely upon Him in faith receive the comforting assurance: "Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment." [to whom is Jesus pleading? He rebukes the accuser and pleads for us not to listen to his lies and to trust in Him!] All that have put on the robe of Christ's righteousness will stand before Him as chosen and faithful and true. Satan has no power to pluck them out of the hand of Christ. . . . **We cannot answer the charges of Satan against us. Christ alone can make an effectual plea in our behalf. He is able to silence the accuser with arguments founded not upon our merits, but on His own** (Testimonies, vol. 5, pp. 470-472). [To whom does Christ's plea need to effect? you and me!]

THURSDAY

How do we worship Him who made the heaven's earth and fountains of water?

The lesson suggests it is by going to church on Sabbath—is this what the message of Revelation is saying?

Or, is it by returning to worshipping the designer and promoting the truth of His character and methods of love, by rejecting the legal, penal, dictator lies about God and presenting the truth in love while leaving others free?

What about the law of worship, by beholding we are changed—what if we worship on the seventh-day Sabbath but worship a God who is the source of inflicted pain and suffering for sin?

FRIDAY

Read and discuss questions 1



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JUNE 2, 2018: COME AND REASON WILL MEET AT Hamilton Community Church at 10:20 a.m.

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May 19, 2018: Jfest at Camp Jordan in Chattanooga. Local radio station J103's all day Christian Concert and Come and Reason Ministries will have a booth at the event.

May 25, 26, 2018: Dr. Jennings will be speaking in London England at the Stanborough Park SDA Church, 609 St Albans Road, Watford, WD25 9JL

September 14,15, 2018: Dr. Jennings will be Keynote Speaker at Crossroads Community Church in Georgetown, Delaware.

September 27-29, 2018: Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the Mega National Conference of the American Association of Christian Counselors in Dallas, TX

September 30-Oct 2, 2018: Dr. Jennings will be speaking at NAD of SDA Mental Health Education retreat for pastors at Kettering, OH.

November 9,10 2018: Dr. Jennings will be doing two presentations at Houston, TX, in conjunction with the AACC

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The Mind- God's Design & What Went Wrong Thursday, May 10, 2018

The human mind was designed with separate and distinct faculties to operate in a beautiful harmony. Something has damaged that balance and caused pain, suffering and illness. Discover God's design for the mind, what went wrong and how to restore balance to your mind.

The Aging Brain Thursday, August 13, 2018

What happens to the brain as we age? This presentation will examine the evidence-based lifestyle and non-pharmacological interventions which will protect your brain and diminish your risk of dementia. Copies of Dr. Jennings brand new book, The Aging Brain, will be available.