

THE ATONEMENT DAY

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GEM THOUGHT: "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." C.O.L. 312:0.

INTRODUCTION: The signs of the times tell us it is high time all awake out of sleep; for our redemption draweth nigh. It is evident that some of God's people in the church (the virgins, Matt. 25) are beginning to realize that God has a message for them in this crucial hour, that will prepare them for the Loud Cry of the third angel's message. It is our prayer that every honest soul in the church will awaken out of sleep before it is too late.

God's righteous character is disclosed to view in the law of ten commandments. "He who becomes a partaker of the divine nature will be in harmony with God's great standard of righteousness, His holy law..." C.O.L. 314.

While on earth Jesus said, "I have kept My Father's commandments." John 15:10 "Righteousness is right doing...and it is by their deeds that all will be judged." C.O.L. 312:2.

All who have broken the ten commandments have sinned. "...for sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4. Hence, all must die. "Because the law worketh wrath." Rom. 4:15 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23. Let us remember that the Sabbath and Sanctuary truth of the third angel's message that began in 1844, is the judgment of the dead. (G.C. 490).

However, Paul says in 1 Cor. 15:51 that some never die. And the Spirit of Prophecy by Mrs. White says, "...our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and closes with the living." G.C. 483:1. Therefore, those who are to be translated must be judged by the Judgment of the Living message - the addition to the Third Angel's message (Rev. 14:14-18; 18:1-4; EW 277; 6T 406; GC 406). "Remember ye the law of Moses...for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments." Ma. 4:4.

By keeping the ten commandments and also God's statutes and judgments (feasts, etc.) we are promised health (Ex. 15:26; Deut. 7:15), wisdom (Deut. 4:5), prolonged life, and that we will increase mightily in the land flowing with milk and honey. Truly this is the mark of God by the man in linen (Deut. 6:1-8; Eze. 9:3,4). Peace with rain and abundant crops are also promised. (Lev. 26:1-6). What more should one ask for, in this day when all the nations have need of these blessings. But they cannot have them unless they keep God's statutes and judgment and

commandments, neither can we.

Therefore, let God's people keep the Seventh-day Sabbath instead of Sunday, which is not Scriptural for: "In 321, under Constantine the Great, the first Sunday law was enacted." National Encyclopedia, Vol. 9, p2 Art. Sabbath. We must also keep the statutes and judgments which includes the Passover (Lord's Supper) just as Jesus instituted it) Matt. 26:17-30), which was changed to Easter by "The Council of Nicea" (324 A.D.). Id. Vol. 4 p8 Art. Easter.

Tithing and the law of clean and unclean meats are a part of the Levitical law God gave to Moses (Mal. 4:4) as found in the New Testament (1 Cor. 5:7, 8) harmonizing with the Old Testament (Nah. 1:15; P.P. 539-4; Evangelism 579:0). This is the testimony of Jesus. (Isa. 8:20) Therefore, the correct place for God's true people to pay their tithes and offerings into God's storehouse of Present Truth (Mal. 3:10). The place where God's people "keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus, which is the Spirit of Prophecy." Rev. 19:10.

Under the initial phase of the third angel's message -- the judgment of the dead (G.C. 490) since 1844, God did not reveal the necessity of observing the holy feast laws of Lev. 23:23-32. However, under the message of the angel of Rev. 18:1, the message that joins the Third Angel's message (E.W. 277), which is the message of the Judgment of the Living. Inspiration reveals God's requirement of observing His holy fast day of the Atonement, as well as the feast days and the Seventh-day Sabbath. Hence, we see God reveals by Inspiration to His people their privilege and duty in our day just as He did through the holy prophets of old to His ancient people.

All who wish to have their sins pardoned, follow the Lord into the Most Holy at the going down of the sun, Sunday, Oct. 7, as he pleads your cases with His spilt blood before our Heavenly Father. Sunday night at sundown, Oct. 7, till Monday night, Oct. 8, sundown, is the day that we are to fast and afflict our souls. The first day of the 7th month is likewise a Sabbath. Lev. 23:23-25). This year it falls on Sabbath, Sept. 29.

NOTE: Atonement services this year will be held in Ft. Davis, Texas; Oct. 8. Those who wish a home in Israel now or in the future write in for applications. A house and land awaits your occupancy. There will be a political and religious asylum in Palestine for those who keep the Sabbath and God's solemn feasts.

Yours to keep all of God's commandment, statutes, and judgments.

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