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THE JUDGEMENT OF THE LIVING INTRODUCTION

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In our last lesson we discovered there were two phases involved in the investigative judgement. The Father's part was to determine who had received the wedding garment of Christ's righteousness. Those who did not have it on were cast into outer darkness. Christ's part was to determine who, through confession, repentance, and faith were intitled to His robe of righteousness. This is part of the everlasting gospel and the three angel's messages of Revelation 14: 6-12. These messages lead the victors to the position of having no guile in their mouths and being able to stand before God without fault in the time of trouble when there is no mediator to forgive sin! see Rev. 14: 1-5; RH Jan. 17, 1907 :4.

In this lesson we will look at the judgment of the living brought to view in Daniel 7: 9 last part. Since Daniel does not expand the theme of the living being judged we will explore Ezekiel chapters 1-9 which deals with an investigation into Israel by Jehovah to know their guilt and disobedience. This judgment of Jerusalem was to determine if their guilt was meet for destruction by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 B.C. It represented the judgment of the living in Jerusalem for that time. Ezekiel makes several statements connecting this judgment that will give insight into the judgment of the living in Revelation 10. It will also help us see more clearly that same judgment of the living referred to in Rev. 14:7 at the end of time.

Daniel and others had already been taken to Babylon in 606 B.C. when Babylon had first invaded Judah.

Let us pray:

Holy Father, please guide me in the composition of this lesson that I might convey Your truth only. May

Your spirit guide my thoughts and words to reflect Your desire. Make us wholly thine and fill us with Your spirit. Forgive our sin and cleanse us from defilement. I ask these things in the name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

Ezekiel 1: 1-3. "Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, as I *was* among the captives by the river of Chebar, *that* the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. In the fifth *day* of the month, which *was* the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity, The word of the LORD came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was there upon him." (Italics in original).

NOTE: This gives the time for this vision in the fifth year of Jehoiachin's captivity. This would be in the year 592 B. C.

In verses 4-28 Ezekiel gives an in-depth description of God's chariot throne. It is a moving throne because it has wheels and is all of fire! We are not told where the throne is going until chapter 8:3, 4 where we find that this chariot throne's destination was Jerusalem for God to render judgment on Israel for destruction.

Ezekiel 2: 2, 3. "And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me. And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, *even* unto this very day." (Italics in original).

NOTE: Has this same situation been seen in modern Israel today? **YES!** Let us look at some of the evidence that God's church is a rebellious nation.

Revelation 3: 3. "**Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent.** If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come

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on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.”

Revelation 3: 11 “Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown.”

NOTE: Many in the church today hold that the pillars of our faith are old, antiquated and in need of revision. They want to come into a closer harmony with the evangelical denominations to dispel any connection of being a cult, or peculiar, or different. But God has called us to be different and peculiar, a holy nation. Not weighed down with the errors of paganism.

Exodus 19: 5. “Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, **then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine.**”

Deuteronomy 14: 2 “For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that *are* upon the earth.” (Italics in original).

Titus 2: 14 “Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”

1st Peter 2: 9, 10. “But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.” (Italics in original).

1SM 203:4. “Few can discern the result of entertaining the sophistries advocated by some at this time. But the Lord has lifted the curtain, and has shown me the result that would follow. The spiritualistic theories regarding the personality of God, followed to their logical conclusion, sweep away the whole Christian economy. They

estimate as nothing the light that Christ came from heaven to give John to give to His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to be given special attention. They make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin, and rob the people of God of their past experience, giving them instead a false science.” {1SM 203.4}.

NOTE: This is what the S.D.A. Church has done by accepting the doctrine of the trinity. It robs “the people of God of their past experience.” It denies the truths of the first 50 years of their history and declares them as error!

1SM 204: 2-205: 1. “The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure. {1SM 204.2}.

“Who has authority to begin such a movement? We have our Bibles. We have our experience, attested to by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit. We

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have a truth that admits of no compromise. **Shall we not repudiate everything that is not in harmony with this truth?**" {1SM 205.1}.

1SM 204:1, last 6 sentences. "Someone high in responsibility in the medical work was directing this man and that man to loosen the timbers supporting this platform. Then I heard a voice saying, **"Where are the watchmen that ought to be standing on the walls of Zion? Are they asleep? This foundation was built by the Master Worker, and will stand storm and tempest. Will they permit this man to present doctrines that deny the past experience of the people of God? The time has come to take decided action."** {1SM 204.1}.

NOTE: Dr. Kellogg introduced the false doctrines that led to the acceptance of the trinity doctrine in 1980 by the general conference of the S.D.A. Church. **THIS DOCTRINE IS THE CENTRAL DOCTRINE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** on which hang all her other false doctrines. How is it that she, the S.D.A. Church, has accepted the central doctrine of falsehood from the mother of all apostate religions? The second angels' message has called us to separate from all false doctrines. Yet here is the church of God accepting the doctrine upon which the harlot has built all her false doctrines upon!

Has the S. D. A. Church rejected the beliefs of the first 50 years as error? Yes. Has she rebelled against the truth? Has her religion changed? Does the accusation of Ezekiel 2:3 apply, of being a rebellious nation? The answer is obvious that she has.

Ezekiel 2: 7. "And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they *are* most rebellious." (Italics in original).

NOTE: The warning is to be given the church whether they hear or forbear. They must be warned.

Ezekiel 2: 8- 3: 5. "But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give

thee. And when I looked, behold, an hand *was* sent unto me; and, lo, a **roll of a book** *was* therein; And he spread it before me; and it *was* written within and without: and *there was* written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe." Chapter 3 VS. 1-5. "Moreover, he said unto me, Son of man, **eat that thou findest; eat this roll**, and go speak unto the house of Israel. **So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll (or book).** And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. **Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.** And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. For thou *art* not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, *but* to the house of Israel." (Italics in original).

NOTE: This is similar to the instructions given to John in Revelation 10.

Revelation 10: 8-11. "And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, **Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.** And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. **And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.** And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, **Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings."**

NOTE: Can you see that these two revelations given to John and Ezekiel are both about investigative judgments? God is investigating his people to see who are loyal to Him and who are not! This is God's procedure before any judgment that He renders upon the people, especially those who claim to be His! Immediately after this vision of Ezekiel, Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem. It will be the same for the last generation! Immediately after the message is given to the church destruction will

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come. Immediately after the third message in Rev. 14:9 Christ is shown to come with a sickle in His hand, verse 14, to harvest the earth. No more messages of warning are given, this is the last warning from God before destruction!

The acceptance of the truth is so sweet, it is like honey in the mouth but when we try to warn our friends, neighbors, and church members the people turn and denounce us as crazy or deceived. They proscribe and ridicule, and castigate us as deranged. It is a bitter experience especially when our loved ones turn against us and believe we are deceived. Then it is bitter in the stomach.

Ezekiel 4: 16, 17. “Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, **I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem:** and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment: That they may want bread and water, and be astonished one with another, and consume away for their iniquity.”

NOTE: This is not necessarily a famine for food but is more likely a famine of the word of God being preached. Have not the wonderful truths of the messages of the three angels been watered down to the point where the spirit of conviction is not manifested or felt? I use to complain to my pastor for the lack of real conviction that use to accompany all our seminars and lectures on the last days. They now seemed to be lacking the spirit of conviction they were lacking the power of the spirit in their presentations. That lack is addressed here! It is a famine of the truths of God given to His people during the first 50 years of their existence! The spirit is not present!

Amos 8: 10-12. “And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only *son*, and the end thereof as a bitter day. **Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:** And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the

east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*.” (Italics in original).

1st Peter 1: 12. “Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.”

NOTE: These lamentations and warnings of destruction in Ezekiel are a foretaste of the investigation and judgments that will be visited upon the churches in the last days if warning is not accepted and a decided reformation is not realized in their midst! The wrath of God is poured out upon the S.D.A. Church because she has had more light and the most amazing truths bestowed upon her. More than the other churches, even more than the Jews. The greatest light ever given to man has been revealed to the S.D.A. Church. If she continues to reject that great light, then, as it was with Satan, there is nothing more God can do to save her, God has done all that He can do, and she will be held in chains of darkness for destruction. God must allow free choice to all created intelligence. To force obedience would be like having a robot for a wife! Now we will look at Ezekiel chapters 8, 9 to better understand the abominations and sins of the last days.

Ezekiel 8: 1-3. “And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, *as* I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me. Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber. And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where *was* the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy. And, behold, the glory

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of the God of Israel *was* there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.” (Italics in original).

NOTE: We know that Satan was a covering cherub in the immediate presence of God’s throne in the sides of the north. This image of jealousy was an idol of some kind. It must have reference to Satan as he left the immediate presence of God and went out to defuse his disaffection among the angels. He had to come from the direction of the north, therefore the image of jealousy in the north. This image of jealousy therefore represented discontent and revolt against the requirements of God by the Jewish leaders.

Is this not a symbol regarding the beginning of the S.D.A. Church’s venture into apostacy? They wanted to be accepted as evangelical and not be accused of being a cult in the beginning. This effort has led to all sorts of compromises, and covenants with the evangelical world concerning our original doctrines given by God to identify and distinguish His remnant church. The first requirement of the 1955-57 conferences with Barnhouse and Martin was that the church accept the trinity doctrine. What a compromise was made in this. We must not be dissatisfied with God’s method of government. We must not try to improve upon perfection. Truly the image of jealousy appeared in the north.

Exodus 34: 12, 15. “Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee. V. 15. Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and *one* call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice.” (Italics in original).

NOTE: Is that not exactly what the church did! Now, back to Ezekiel 8. In verse 4 we are told that this is the same chariot throne that Ezekiel had seen in the plain and at the river Chebar. See Ezekiel 3:22, 23. It is the chariot of the cherubim. See 1st Chronicles 28: 18.

Ezekiel 8: 5, 6. “Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So

I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry. He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? *even* the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations.” (Italics in original).

NOTE: This brings to view Satan committing himself fully to the controversy against his maker. Satan 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 re-instated in his office.” {GC88 495.3}.

PP 39:2. “Lucifer pointed to the long-suffering of God as an evidence of his own superiority, an indication that the King of the universe would yet accede to his terms. If the angels would stand firmly with him, he declared, they could yet gain all that they desired. He persistently defended his own course, and **fully committed himself to the great controversy against his Maker.** Thus, it was that Lucifer, “the light bearer,” the sharer of God’s glory, **the attendant of His throne,** by transgression became Satan, “the adversary” of God and holy beings and the destroyer of those whom Heaven had committed to his guidance and guardianship.” {PP 39.2}.

NOTE: This is when Satan fully became God’s adversary and styled himself as god in opposition to the Father of all, the one true God! He is this image or idol causing jealousy coming from the north. A false god! this is portrayed today as the trinity doctrine! The worship of a false God, it is the holy spirit portrayed as very god!

How were these false gods portrayed to Ezekiel?

Ezekiel 8: 7-11. “And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, **behold a hole in the wall.** Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: **and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door.** And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do

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here. So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about. And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.” (Representing much prayer).

NOTE: “Behold a door.” This is a secret door hidden, representing secret meetings and counsels held in secret by those in leadership! All of “the wicked abominations that they do here.” First, they changed our logo from three angels flying around the world to a Satanic symbol of three wavy lines with an upside down cross at the bottom. After that they began to subtly change the importance of all our major doctrines. The spiritual formation doctrine was added and the one project movement was then embraced so that practicing gay and lesbian members were accepted with full fellowship. The three angels’ messages have been so marginalized that they are hardly recognizable. The sanctuary doctrine is no longer preached or taught in the churches and members are being dis-fellowshipped for standing for the one true God doctrine of the Father and Son as the only God. Yes, we should cry and sigh for all the abominations portrayed upon the walls round about! This was first done in secret but now it is open and done brazenly in the open before the whole church.

Ezekiel 8: 12-14. “Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, (secretly) every man in the chambers of his imagery? (imagination) for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth. He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations that they do. Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD’S house which *was* toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.” (Italics in original).

NOTE: Once again we see the north implied. Who

is Tammuz and what does the worship and crying or weeping for him mean?

Tammuz was the son of Semiramis. She was Nimrod’s mother and wife. Nimrod died and Semiramis claimed he had gone to heaven and become the sun god. Sometime later Semiramis became pregnant. To explain this, she claimed that a ray of the sun, from Nimrod, had impregnated her with a child, this was called the immaculate conception. Can you guess on which day of the year Tammuz was born? It was the 25th day of December. When Tammuz was born it was claimed that he was the son of god as he was the son of the sun god, Nimrod. When Tammuz was about 35 years old, he was killed by a wild boar and three days later, you guessed it, a ray of the sun entered and raised him from death. Can you see how Satan effectually counterfeited Christ’s work of redemption by this legend. Could it be? By celebrating Christmas, are you in actuality celebrating the birth of this false son of the sun god? This is the origin of a trinity of three gods. Nimrod, Semiramis, Tammuz.

All of this is portrayed as emanating from the north, the place of the throne of God! The place where Satan proceeded from.

Isaiah 14: 13. “For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north.”

NOTE: Satan was one of the covering Cherubs in the presence of God. Therefore, when he left to deceive the angelic host, he came from the place of God’s throne. He makes it appear these false concepts and ideas are coming from God but they are not!

GC 495: 2. “Leaving his place in the immediate presence of God, Lucifer went forth to diffuse the spirit of discontent among the angels. Working with mysterious secrecy, and for a time concealing his real purpose under an appearance of reverence for God, he endeavored to excite dissatisfaction concerning the laws that governed heavenly beings, intimating that they imposed an unnecessary restraint.

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Since their natures were holy, he urged that the angels should obey the dictates of their own will. He sought to create sympathy for himself by representing that God had dealt unjustly with him in bestowing supreme honor upon Christ. He claimed that in aspiring to greater power and honor he was not aiming at self-exaltation, but was seeking to secure liberty for all the inhabitants of heaven, that by this means they might attain to a higher state of existence.” {GC 495.2}.

NOTE: It was thus that the image of jealousy appeared in the north to be coming from the throne of God. Disaffection starts with discontent, with the insinuations that something is wrong with God’s law. An improvement is needed. Thus, laws are enacted that are inferior to the original and always promote a drop in the standard of life. This has been the case in the U.S. congress, in the church, and that would be the case in the kingdom of God also if it were allowed!

The disaffection began in the S.D.A. Church with the insinuation that something was wrong with the pillars of truth that were the foundation of our beliefs, that supported the platform of the truths God had given us in the first fifty years of existence.

Dissatisfaction has grown to the place now where those doctrines are declared to be error and, for the most part, no longer believed. Supposed improvements is always Satan’s first step in rebellion against God!

GC 583: 1. “In rejecting the truth, men reject its Author. In trampling upon the law of God, they deny the authority of the Law-giver. **It is as easy to make an idol of false doctrines and theories as to fashion an idol of wood or stone.** By misrepresenting the attributes of God, Satan leads men to conceive of Him in a false character. **With many, a philosophical idol is enthroned in the place of Jehovah; while the living God, as He is revealed in His word, in Christ, and in the works of creation, is worshiped by but few.** Thousands deify nature while they deny the God of nature. **Though in a different form, idolatry exists in the Christian world**

today as verily as it existed among ancient Israel in the days of Elijah. The God of many professedly wise men, of philosophers, poets, politicians, journalists—the God of polished fashionable circles, of many colleges and universities, even of some theological institutions—is **little better than Baal, the sun-god of Phoenicia.**” {GC 583.1}.

5T 173: 4 “No outward shrines may be visible, there may be no image for the eye to rest upon, yet we may be practicing idolatry. **It is as easy to make an idol of cherished ideas or objects as to fashion gods of wood or stone.** Thousands have a false conception of God and His attributes. **They are as verily serving a false God as were the servants of Baal. Are we worshipping the true God as He is revealed in His word, in Christ, in nature, or are we adoring some philosophical idol enshrined in His place?** God is a God of truth. Justice and mercy are the attributes of His throne. He is a God of love, of pity and tender compassion. Thus, He is represented in His Son, our Saviour. He is a God of patience and long-suffering. **If such is the being whom we adore and to whose character we are seeking to assimilate, we are worshipping the true God.**” {5T 173.4}.

THE CLEANSING OF THE SOUL TEMPLE!

The question must be asked which is more important to God, the cleansing of the temple in heaven, or the cleansing of the soul temple of man? It is imperative that you understand that all these things done in the heavenly temple and the earthly are examples and the typical process and methods God is employing to cleanse the human heart from sin.

DA 161: 1, 2. “In the cleansing of the temple, Jesus was announcing His mission as the Messiah, and entering upon His work. That temple, erected for the abode of the divine Presence, was designed to be an object lesson for Israel and for the world. From eternal ages it was God’s purpose that every created being, from the bright and holy seraph to man, should be a temple for the indwelling of the Creator. Because of sin, humanity ceased to be a temple for God. Darkened and defiled by evil, the heart of man

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no longer revealed the glory of the Divine One. But by the incarnation of the Son of God, the purpose of Heaven is fulfilled. God dwells in humanity, and through saving grace the heart of man becomes again His temple. God designed that the temple at Jerusalem should be a continual witness to the high destiny open to every soul. But the Jews had not understood the significance of the building they regarded with so much pride. They did not yield themselves as holy temples for the Divine Spirit. The courts of the temple at Jerusalem, filled with the tumult of unholy traffic, represented all too truly the temple of the heart, defiled by the presence of sensual passion and unholy thoughts. **In cleansing the temple from the world's buyers and sellers, Jesus announced His mission to cleanse the heart from the defilement of sin, —from the earthly desires, the selfish lusts, the evil habits, that corrupt the soul. "The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.** But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver." Malachi 3:1-3. {DA 161.1}.

NOTE: This cleansing is taking place before Christ's second coming. He does not perform any work of cleansing the soul of sin at His coming because His reward is with Him to give to every man, See Matthew 16:27. Let's continue in Desire of Ages:

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17. No man can of himself cast out the evil throng that have taken possession of the heart. **Only Christ can cleanse the soul temple.** But He will not force an entrance. He comes not into the heart as to the temple of old; but He says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if

any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him." Revelation 3:20. He will come, not for one day merely; for He says, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them; ... and they shall be My people." "He will subdue our iniquities; and Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." 2 Corinthians 6:16; Micah 7:19. His presence will cleanse and sanctify the soul, so that it may be a holy temple unto the Lord, and "an habitation of God through the Spirit." Ephesians 2:21, 22. {DA 161.2}.

NOTE: The whole purpose for God's effort for the past 6,000 years has been for this one object, to cleanse His people of their sins and defilement. Since He will not force any to obey, He has had to let Satan develop his form of government. This was so man and angels could see the difference in each and make their free choice which one they will follow and serve. Satan's form of government leads to misery destruction and death. God's leads to life, joy, peace, happiness through the ceaseless ages of eternity. When God has finally accomplished this object within His children the mystery of God will have been finished!

Let us pray:

Holy Father, please cause each person to choose to give their life completely to You. Send Your holy spirit to enter each heart and guide them in love to accept the love that lasts through eternity. Forgive our sins and cleans us from every defilement. I ask this in the name of Jesus Your only Son. Amen.

Your brother in Christ

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