

*"He was wounded
for our transgressions,
he was bruised for
our iniquities."
Isaiah 53:5.*

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Lesson 11: The Second Angel's Message
"Babylon Is Fallen."

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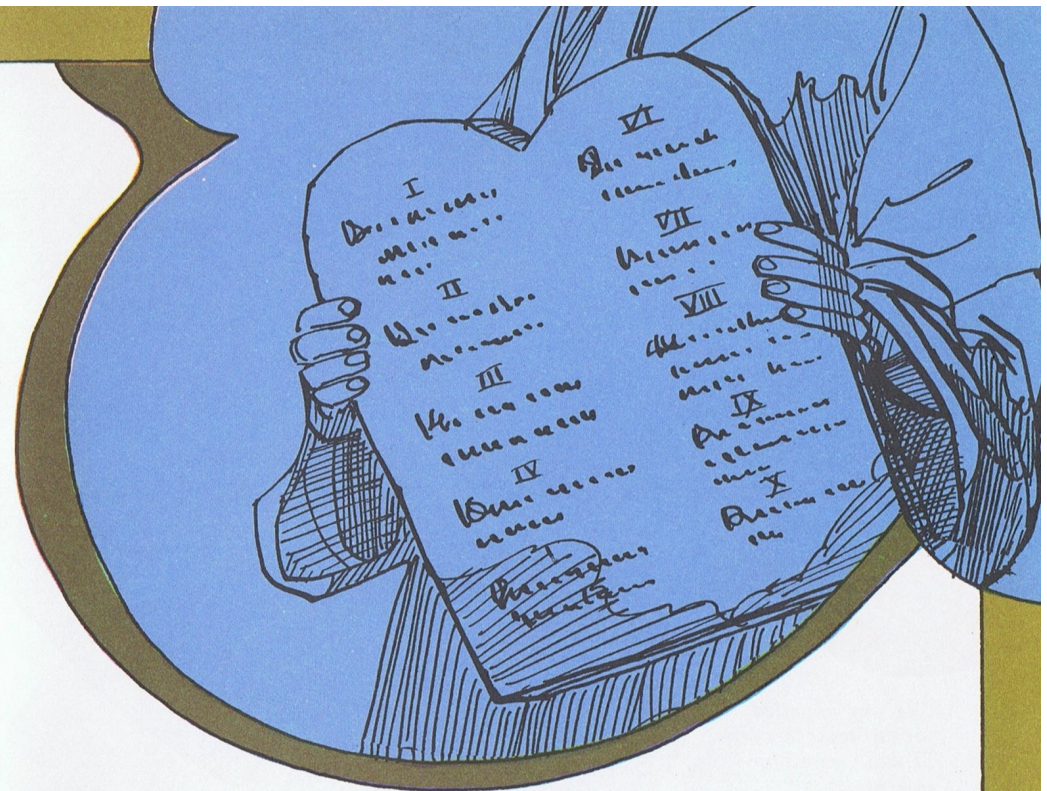
THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE—Part II
YOUR DAY IN COURT

your day in court

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, *Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*" Revelation 14:6, 7.

Man naturally fears judgment. All of us have had the uneasy sensation that comes with being appraised. A school examination, appearance in traffic court, work evaluation by a supervisor, all represent just a few of the experiences which may have caused us apprehension and concern.

The thought of God's judgment has struck fear in many hearts. Yet, the Bible tells us that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. We have no way to escape our day in court. The question we must answer is, Are we ready to stand before the bar of justice and hear the verdict?



name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

The righteous, on the other hand, show by the fruitage of their lives that the Lord rules them. The way that they now live, they live by the power that God imparts to them through the presence of Christ. If we are Christ's and He is our Advocate in the judgment day, heaven will apply the record of His perfect life of obedience to our credit. He bore the guilt of our sins and mistakes upon the cross of Calvary. We will stand before God as though we had never sinned. Gone will be our record of mistakes. They will be forgiven, forgotten, blotted out. Why should we worry about the past or the future when we may have forgiveness today?

The Saviour stands ready to plead your case. He wants to be your Advocate. Will you not place your case in His hands?

Will you say, "I want to accept Christ as my Advocate today"? ☐

I need help in overcoming a problem in my life. Pray for me. ☐

12. What happens to the name of someone who once professed to be a follower of Christ, but afterward turned to a life of sin? Exodus 32:32, 33 (OT 85). See also Ezekiel 18:24 (OT 664).

The Bible says:

13. What promise does God give the individual who overcomes sin? Revelation 3:5 (NT 214); Ezekiel 18:21, 22 (OT 664).

The Bible says:

14. What law will the judgment use as its standard? James 2:8-12 (NT 200).

The Bible says:

15. What four things does Paul say the judgment will examine? (NT 136).

Romans 2:2: Judged according to

Romans 2:6: Judged according to

Romans 2:12: Judged by

Romans 2:16: Judged by

16. What does Christ do for us during the judgment? Hebrews 7:25 (NT 194).

The Bible says:

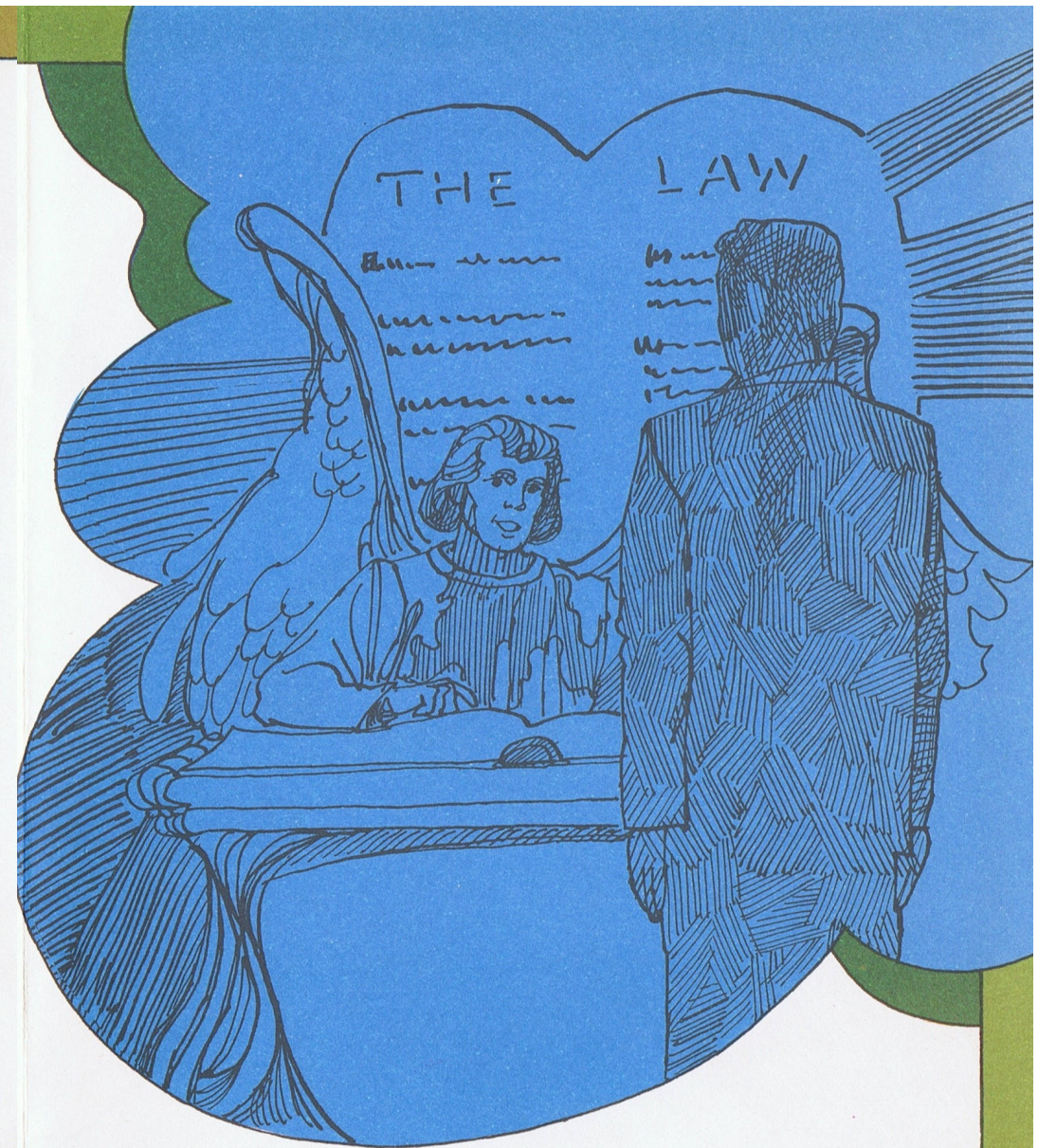
17. If we sin, what hope does the Bible hold out for us? 1 John 2:1, 2 (NT 208).

The Bible says:

In Paul's day the judgment was still future. (Acts 24:25.) When Christ comes, His reward is with Him, that is, the judgment is over. We are now in the judgment period, according to the Books of Daniel and the Revelation. God is examining the cases of those who have accepted Christ. He will cleanse those who have triumphed over their fallen natures through His power. But those who have claimed to be Christians, yet by their lives have denied their Lord, will have their names removed from the book of life.

Perhaps you inquire, "If we are saved by grace, what part will our good deeds play in our salvation?" They indicate the completeness of our surrender, but they will not compensate for our sins. Many have a form of godliness but by their acts deny the power of God in their lives. These will not enter heaven. Their actions testify that they were Christians in name only.

Christ described such people in Matthew 7:21-23: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy



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THE BIBLE SAYS

1. How many of us will have to appear before the judgment seat of Christ? 2 Corinthians 5:10 (NT 161).

The Bible says:

2. To whom will man have to finally give an account? Romans 14:12 (NT 145).

The Bible says:

3. With whom will the judgment begin? 1 Peter 4:17 (NT 205).

The Bible says:

4. How does Paul indicate that there is a definite time for the judgment? Acts 17:31 (NT 123).

The Bible says:

5. What message will Christ's followers proclaim to all the world, announcing the beginning of the judgment? Revelation 14:6, 7 (NT 220).

The Bible says:

6. What records will it use as evidence? Revelation 20:11, 12 (NT 224).

The Bible says:

7. Whom does Daniel say presides at the judgment? Daniel 7:9, 10 (OT 703).

The Bible says:

Note: The Ancient of days is God the Father, whom the Son of God approaches as our Advocate. (Verse 13.) "Cast down" in verse 9 means "placed." (See marginal reading.)

8. How much of what we have done will stand revealed then? Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14 (OT 548).

The Bible says:

9. What did Christ say about our words? Matthew 12:36 (NT 13).

The Bible says:

10. What book contains the records of those who follow the Lord? Malachi 3:16 (OT 745).

The Bible says:

11. What book records the names of those who have accepted Christ? Philippians 4:3 (NT 176).

The Bible says:

*"A book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord."
Malachi 3:16.*