

Book of Revelation – The First Angel’s Message, Part II (3AM Series--Revelation 14:7)

Series REV-35

REVELATION 14

Review of Part I lesson: The **Everlasting Gospel** expresses **God’s everlasting love** (Jer 31:3)—“Yea, I have loved thee with an “**everlasting love**: therefore, with **loving kindness** have I drawn thee.”

This is God’s love in action. As we recently heard in the opening of Carol Zarska’s Sermon on Zephaniah 1—

Love was sacrificed on the Cross
Love was resurrected from the tomb
Love is now interceding for us before the throne

FEAR GOD (vs.7)

To have a healthy picture of God we just need to study the word of God. Such verses as Psalm 22:23 and 25:14 help us see an accurate picture of God and what it means to fear Him. We see it as God’s mercy and goodness. We will add to this picture and understanding in this lesson.

GIVE GLORY TO HIM (vs.7)

The glory of God is His good character (Exodus 33:18-19). To give glory to God is to proclaim, in word and deed, the beautiful reality of His goodness, confessing that our “righteousness and sanctification and redemption” are all from the Lord and not of our own manufacturing (1 Cor 1:30-31; Matt 5:16).

REV 14:7 - FOR THE HOUR OF HIS JUDGMENT IS COME

It dawned on me when preparing this message, what the text actually says—

“Saying with a loud voice [Gr, *megafonay*], fear God, and give glory to Him, **for the hour of His judgment is come...**”

The call goes out in a megaphone voice to fear God and give glory to Him, for a reason > because the hour of His judgment is come.

So, at a deeper level—

	<i>Members</i>	
Fear God	Smyrna	(persecution)
Give Him glory	Pergamos	(Church/State union) -Globally-
for the hour of His Judgment is come	Thyatira	(Investigative Judgment) -Judgment of the Living-
and when we come to the 5 th Church later in the lesson		
Worship Him that made	Sardis	(Final Sealing /Blotting out sin) -involves the Sabbath

Those who comprise the Smyrna message, “Fear God” and the Pergamos message, “Give Glory to Him” precipitates the Thyratiran message, “for the Hour of His Judgment is Come.” In other words, God does everything decently and in order.

These 7 messages to the churches are summarized in the Three Angels’ Messages which are given to the world, in their order.

The solemn messages that have been given in their order in the Revelation are to occupy the first place in the minds of God’s people... Let the watchmen now lift up their voice and give the message which is present truth for this time. Let us show the people where we are in prophetic history. {LDE 16.1,3}

The Ephesus message, of the **Everlasting Gospel**, is foundational.
The Smyrna and Pergamos message precede, the message of Thyratira.

The people of the land need to first understand **the Everlasting Gospel** which involves a healthy ‘fear of the Lord,’ i.e. an **heart** of appreciation (Jer 32:37-40; Psalm 119:16, 40, 47, 74, 127); then the Holy Spirit grants an hatred for sin (Prov 8:13), which enables God’s people (**Smyrna**) to “**Give glory to God.**”

These first messages prepare God’s people for the giving of the 4th part of the Third Angel’s message—“for the hour of His Judgment is come.”

A GOOD NEWS MESSAGE

This is actually a good news message because God’s word says it is *His Judgment—He is the One on Trial*. Note Romans 3:4:

*That Thou might be justified in Thy sayings
and might overcome when Thou art judged*

Three points to show it is a good news message.

- 1) And how does God overcome? He overcomes in the Judgment, in His people, because He overcomes sin in us, of course, by our permission. [This by the way is part of the sealing process.]
- 2) The “Judgment” will be “made in favor of the saints of the Most High” as Daniel 7:21-22 tells us. This is obvious good news, if God’s verdict on your account is made in your favor.
- 3) The “beast” (7:11) will be slain, which is Daniel’s term for the antichrist system that wages war on God’s people. God promises a total demise and destruction of the Babylonian system (cf Rev 17 & 18) in that last generation when the Judgment hour message—the Judgment of the Living is completed.

Please explain then, in your own words, this phrase “for the hour of His Judgment is come.” Use some Scriptures to show that this is a most important subject to those who don’t know, who are not aware of the “Investigative Judgment” which ends in the “Judgment of the Living” process? [Before you give your answer, note this clear and convincing statement in GC 488.2

*“All who would share in the benefits of the Saviour’s mediation must permit Nothing to interfere with their duty to perfect holiness in the fear of God...
The subject of the Sanctuary and the investigative Judgment should be clearly understood by the people of God. All need a knowledge for themselves of the Position and work of their great High Priest.”*

This teaching is to be understood both intellectually and practically. So, we need to be able to explain, if called to do so [Remember 1 Peter 3:15]. Such terms as these should be incorporated intelligently into your answer: 2300 Days, Day of Atonement, Cleansing of the Sanctuary, Christ’s High Priestly ministry. All of these are related to the First Angel’s Message, particularly “the hour of His Judgment is come.” {To give you some help in your answer, [click here](#).} This is a very in-depth answer, so if you need more space, an extra page has been provided.

Next week, Part III, dealing with the 5th part of 3 Angel's Message
"Worship Him that made..."