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FINAL EVENTS AFTER CLOSE OF PROBATION PREPARES THE

FINAL 144000 GENERATION REMNANT FOR THEIR WORK AND FOR TRANSLATION Pt.3

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If probation closes before the Time of Trouble, what's the purpose of the Time of Trouble?

By the close of the Investigative Judgment every human being will have been judged to be either on God's side or Satan's side. Why can't the world end right then?

It is after probation's close, that all would have been sealed or marked, the two groups then develop and become fully ripened for the two harvests. Revelation 14:15-20.

One group will be ripe in righteousness, and the other would be ripe in unrighteousness and rebellion.

Great Controversy p. 627-629.

“When Christ ceases His intercession in the sanctuary, the unmingled wrath threatened against those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark (Rev.14:9,10), will be poured out. The plagues upon Egypt when God was about to deliver Israel, were similar in character to those more terrible and extensive judgment which are to fall upon the world just before the final deliverance of God's people....”

“These plagues are not universal, or the inhabitants of the earth would be wholly cut off. Yet they will be the most awful scourges that have ever been known to mortals. All the judgments upon men, prior to the close of probation have been mingled with mercy. The pleading blood of Christ has shielded the sinner from receiving the full measure of his guilt; but in the final judgment, wrath is poured out unmixed with mercy.”

Jacob's Time of trouble (Daniel 12 :1)

“As satan influenced Esau to march against Jacob, so he will stir up the wicked to destroy God's people in the time of trouble. And as he accused Jacob, he will urge his accusations against the people of God. **He numbers the world as his subjects**; but the little company who keep the commandments of God are resisting his supremacy. **If he could blot them from the earth, his triumph would be complete.**”

“He sees that holy angels are guarding them, and he infers that their sins have been pardoned; but he does not know that their cases have been decided in the sanctuary above. He has an accurate knowledge of the sins which he has tempted them to commit, and he presents these before God in the most exaggerated light, representing this people to be just as deserving as himself of exclusion from the favour of God.”

“He declares that the Lord cannot in justice forgive their sins , and yet destroy him and his angels. He claims them as his prey, and demands that they be given into his hands to destroy.”

“As Satan accuses the people of God on account of their sins, the Lord permits him to try them to the uttermost. Their confidence in God, their faith and firmness, will be severely tested.” GC p. 618,619.

During the time of trouble, every ounce of Satan's fury will be unleashed on God's people.

Just as Satan challenged God over Job's loyalty, so he will challenge God over the loyalty of His people.

Will God's people maintain their loyalty to God under the most intense persecution the world has ever inflicted on anyone?

It will take a very mature Christian character to pass through that time and remain faithful to God.

Resurrection faith and translation are two different levels of faith. While all will be saved because of the faith of Jesus, only the 144000 translated group will have the very faith of Jesus fully developed in them. They will have an experience fully reflecting the image of Jesus and can endure the brightness of His glory. While the wicked run to rocks and mountains (Rev.6:15-17) to hide themselves from the “brightness of His coming” (2Thess.2:8), the final remnant will look up and say, “lo, this is our God, we have long waited for Him and He will save us”.

This tells us that the 144000 final generation saints will have a unique experience and a level of character development than any previous generation before them.

E.J.Waggoner expressed it well in these words:

“Before the end comes, and at the time of the coming of Christ, there must be a people on earth...in whom all the fullness of God will be manifest even as it was in Jesus of Nazareth. God will demonstrate to the world that what he did with Jesus of Nazareth He can do with anyone who will yield to Him.

Jesus Christ was the perfect temple of God; but if He were to be the only One in whom such fullness is revealed, then the too common idea that Jesus was an unique specimen, not made in all things like unto His brethren, and that it is impossible for anybody else to be in all things like Him, would be warranted; and Satan would not fail to charge God with incapacity and failure, saying that He is not able to make a man born in sin, and bring him to perfection. Day after day he is making this charge through men who, either despondently, or in self-justification, say that “Christ was different from us, for He was begotten by the Holy Ghost, and being born sinless had the advantage over us.”

The Lord wants all to understand that the new birth puts men in the same position that Christ occupied on this earth, and He will demonstrate this before the world. The life of Jesus is to be perfectly reproduced in His followers, not for a day merely, but for all time and for eternity.”

thoughts were expressed by the Servant of the Lord in Christ Object Lessons page 69:

“Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own.” COL p.69.1.

THE CHALLENGE MOTIF-----“THEY AND US”

A GOOD REPORT AND SOMETHING BETTER

In Hebrews 11:39, 40, we have this amazing statement of conclusion:

“And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.”

The great apostle Paul here brings to view two classes of redeemed people—“they” and “us”. The distinctions between these two groups are very significant.

The “THEY” -----have obtained----“A GOOD REPORT THROUGH FAITH” while

The “US” -----have -----“SOME BETTER THING” than a “good report”.

The first group, the “THEY” according to the previous verses of chapter 11, are the faithful of all ages. Though they obtained “a good report”, they “received not the promised”.

The second group, the “US”, not only received the promise, but it is by virtue of their experience that the first group

(The THEY) also finally receive the promise. This refers to “those who are alive and remain at the coming of the Lord” 1Thess.4:16,17.

It is through their experience that the plan of redemption is consummated and eternity begins for the entire host of saved humanity.

The first class enter into eternal life -----THROUGH THE RESURRECTION, while the second class are -----TRANSLATED TO HEAVEN WITHOUT SEEING DEATH.

The “promise” is equivalent to being “made perfect” (vs. 40) and experiencing “the complete fulfilment of the new covenant promise”. This encompasses the new covenant of God’s law written in the heart with no more conscience or remembrance of sins i.e the blotting out of sin from their memory (PP 212, GC 485). It also includes “the promise of eternal inheritance” awaiting the saints in the Kingdom of God.

The following translation interpretation of Hebrews 11:39, 40 has been suggested:

“And these all (the faithful of all ages), having obtained a good report through faith (in that they walked in honest obedience to every ray of light they had), received not the (complete fulfilment of the new covenant) promise (of perfection and eternal inheritance):

God having provided some better thing (some better and more complete experience) for us (the final generation), that they (the faithful of all ages) without us (the final generation) should not be made perfect.” (Ty Gibson’s version).

God has reserved the right to make final atonement for the faithful of all ages, to eternally blot out all their sins and grant them eternal life, based on the perfection of character and conscience He is able to produce in the final generation.

Their salvation is secure based on God’s claim that perfect obedience to His law is possible and necessary, in opposition to Satan’s charge to the contrary.

In the experience of God’s remnant church, the divine claim will be proven a true and faithful saying. This is the deeper issue and work involved in the great controversy and the plan of redemption, of even greater importance than merely the salvation of man.

The vindication of God’s character , his government and holy law, is at stake. This is what it will take to stop the mouth of Satan, the accusing enemy.

“And I will vindicate the holiness of My great name and separate it for its holy purpose from all that defiles it—My name , which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned among them---and the nations will know, understand, and realize that I am the Lord (the Sovereign Ruler, who calls forth loyalty and obedient service), when I shall be set apart by you and My holiness vindicated in you before their eyes and yours.” (Ezekiel 36:23, The Amplified Bible).

EXCERPTS FROM THE LAST CHAPTER OF M.L.ANDREASEN’S BOOK “THE SANCTUARY SERVICE entitled “THE LAST GENERATION”

“The final demonstration of what the gospel can do in and through humanity is still in the future. Christ showed the way. He took a human body, and in that body demonstrated the power of god. Men are to foloow his example and prove that what god did in christ, he can do in every human being who submits to him.”

“The last year of the conflict brings the final test; but this only proves to the Angels and to the world that nothing that the evil one can do will shake God’s chosen ones. The plagues fall, destruction is one every hand, death stares them in the face, but like Job they hold fast their integrity. Nothing can make them sin. They keep the commandments of God, and the Faith of Jesus’ rev.14:12.”

“It is the last generation of men living on the earth that God’s power unto sanctification will stand fully revealed. The

demonstration of that power is God's vindication. It clears him of any and all charges which Satan has placed against him. God is vindicated and Satan defeated."

"In the case of rebellion there is always some grievance, real or fancied, given as the cause. Some become dissatisfied, and failing to have matters remedied, they resort to rebellion. Those who sympathize with the real cause join it. The others remain loyal to the government, and must, of course, take their chance on its survival."

"By his act of rebellion he had declared God's government at fault, and by the setting up of his own throne he had made claim to greater wisdom or justice than God. These claims are inherent in rebellion and in the establishment of another government."

"God could ill afford not to give Satan an opportunity to demonstrate his theories. To remove every doubt in the minds of angels --and later of man-- God must let Satan go on with his work."

"And so Satan was permitted to live and set up his rival government. For the last six thousand years he has been giving the universe a demonstration of what he will do when he has opportunity. The demonstration has been permitted to continue until now. And what a demonstration it has been."

(killing, oppression of virtue, goodness and justice has suffered. God's messengers tortured and killed. God's law trampled in the dust, , when God sent his son instead of honouring Him, Satan got him hanged on a tree.)

"Even then God did not destroy Satan. The demonstration must be completed. Only when the last events are taking place, and men are on the point of exterminating one another, will God interfere to save his own. There will then remain no doubt in the mind of anyone that, he had the power."

"Satan would destroy every vestige of goodness, hurl God from the throne, murder the son of God, and establish a kingdom of violence found in self-seeking and cruel ambition."

"What Satan has been demonstrating is really his character and the lengths to which selfish ambition will lead. In the beginning he wanted to be like God. He was dissatisfied with his position as the highest of created beings. He wanted to be God. And the demonstration has shown that when he set his mind upon this goal he would stop short of nothing to attain it. Whoever stands in the way must be put out of the way. If it be God himself, he must be removed."

"In this respect, the contrast between Christ and Satan is pronounced. Satan wanted to be God. He wanted it so much that he was willing to do anything to attain his goal. Christ, on the other hand, did not consider it a thing to be grasped to be like God. He voluntarily humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. He was God and He became man.

"And that this was not a temporary arrangement only for the purpose of showing His willingness, is evidence by the fact that He will ever remain man. Satan exalted himself; Christ humbled himself. Satan wanted to become God; Christ became man Satan wanted to sit as God upon a throne; Christ, as a servant, knelt to wash the disciples' feet. The contrast is complete."

"God has reserved his final demonstration for the last generation. This generation bears the results of accumulated sins. If any are weak. They are. If any suffer from inherited tendencies, they do. If any have an excuse because of weakness of any kind, they have. If, therefore these can keep the commandments, there is no excuse for anyone in any other generation not doing so also."

That is why Christ cannot come until he has a Final Generation who will vindicate his character, clear him of the charges Satan has made and bring this great controversy to a close.

God wants us to be among this group, that like Job, will prove him right and Satan wrong.

He is depending on us to depend on him to vindicate his character. Will his trust and confidence be well placed?