

Three Angels, One Message God's Everlasting Gospel



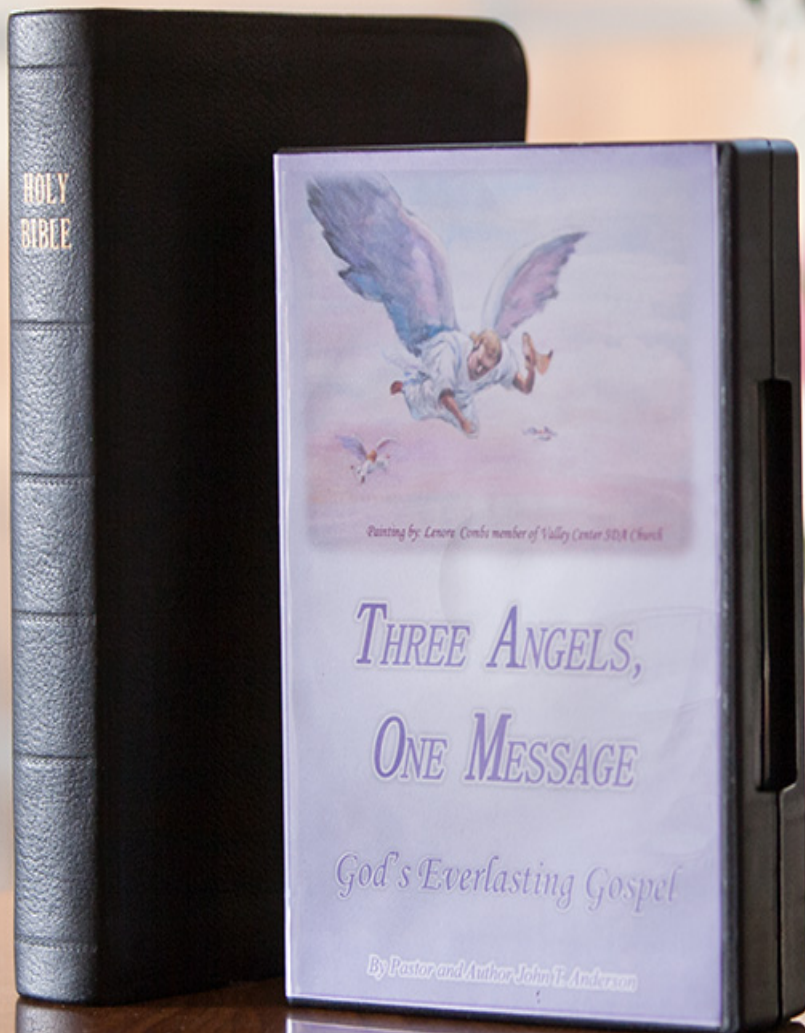
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Series Theme Song

We Have This Hope

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For **God** So Loved the
World, that **He** Gave **His**
Only Begotten **Son**, that
Whosoever Believeth in **Him**
Should Not Perish, but Have
Everlasting **Life**.



For **God** Sent Not **His**
Son Into the World to
Condemn the World; But
that the World Through
Him Might Be Saved.

John 3:16-17

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“God’s Everlasting Gospel”

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What are the

***“Three
Angels’
Messages”?***

***Isn't the
book of
Revelation a
"sealed
book"?***



*The very
name
“Revelation”
means
“unveiling”*



Revelation 1:3

“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it.”



Revelation 22:10



“Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.”

Revelation 1:19

“Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.”




*The format of the
Bible's "outline
prophecies"
has been from "here"
to "the end."*

*The "statue dream"
of Daniel 2*

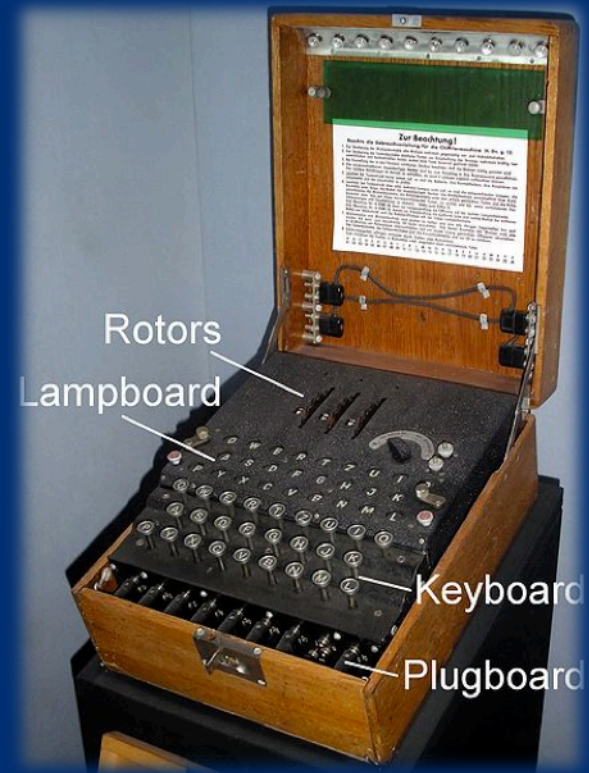
*The "wild beast"
vision of Daniel 7*





What was the most important victory of the Second World War?

The “breaking of the code” of the Enigma Machine



***“He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John.”
Revelation 1:1***




***God has given us
the “code” to
understand His
messages***


Habakkuk 2:2

Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.”





*Of all the important
messages that
Revelation contains,
indeed the entire
Bible, no passage is of
greater*



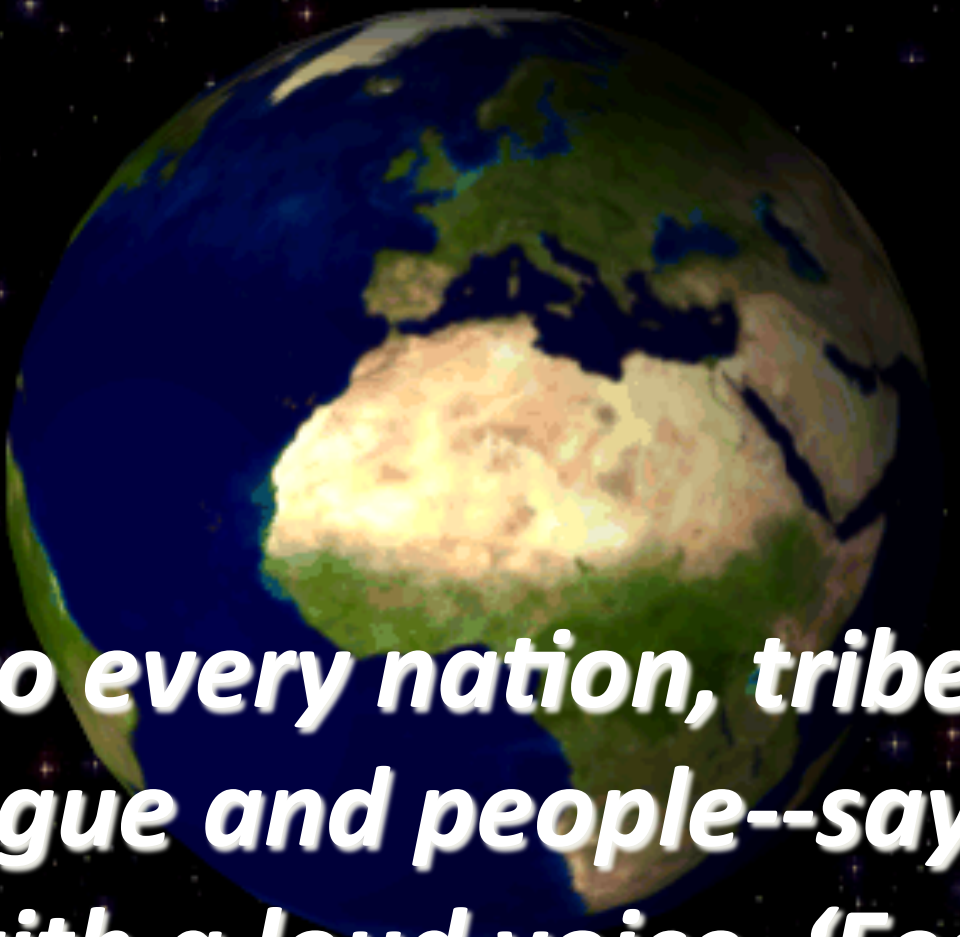
*significance today
than the messages of
the Three Angels given
in Revelation 14, in the
heart of the last book
of the Bible.*





***“Then I saw
another angel
flying in the
midst of heaven,
having the
everlasting
gospel to preach
to those who
dwell on the
earth--***





***to every nation, tribe,
tongue and people--saying
with a loud voice, 'Fear
God and give glory to Him,***

*for the hour of His judgment
has come; and worship Him
Who made heaven and earth,
the sea and springs of water.'*




“And another angel followed, saying ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.’



“Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, ‘If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,






*he himself shall also drink of
the wine of the wrath of God,
which is poured out full
strength into the cup of His
indignation.*

***And he shall be tormented with
fire and brimstone in the
presence of the holy angels and
in the presence of the Lamb.***





*And the smoke of their
torment ascends forever and
ever; and they have no rest day
or night, who worship the
beast and his image, and
whoever receives the mark of
his name.*

Revelation 14:12

“Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”





*To Whom Are These
Messages Directed?*



*These messages precede
the description of Jesus
returning to this earth.*

Revelation 14:14-16 NIV

“I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one ‘like a son of man’”



Revelation 14:14-16 NIV

***with a crown
of gold on His
head and a
sharp sickle
in his hand.***



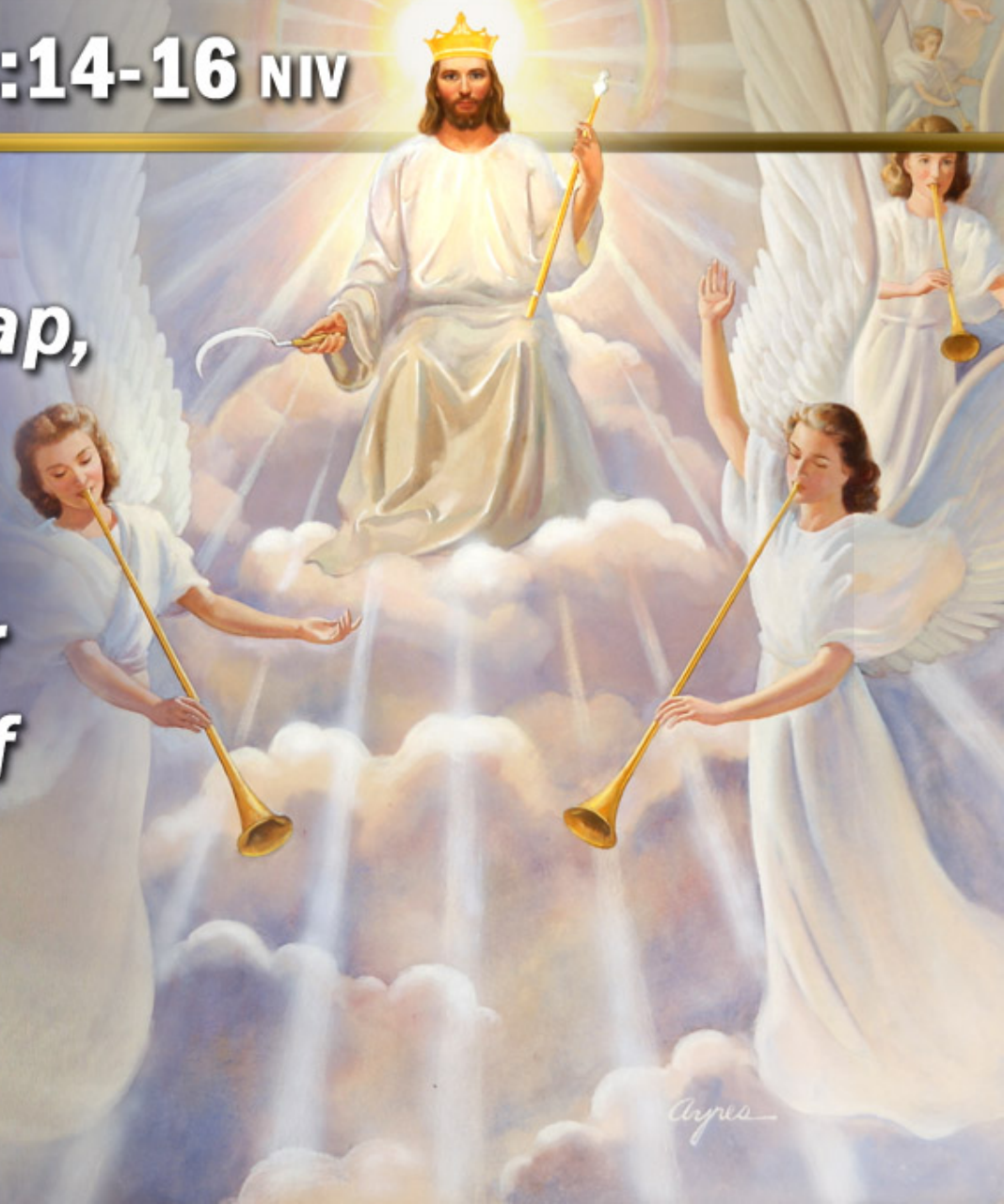
Revelation 14:14-16 NIV

***Then another
angel came out
of the temple
and called in
a loud voice to
him who was
sitting on the
cloud,***



Revelation 14:14-16 NIV

‘Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.’”

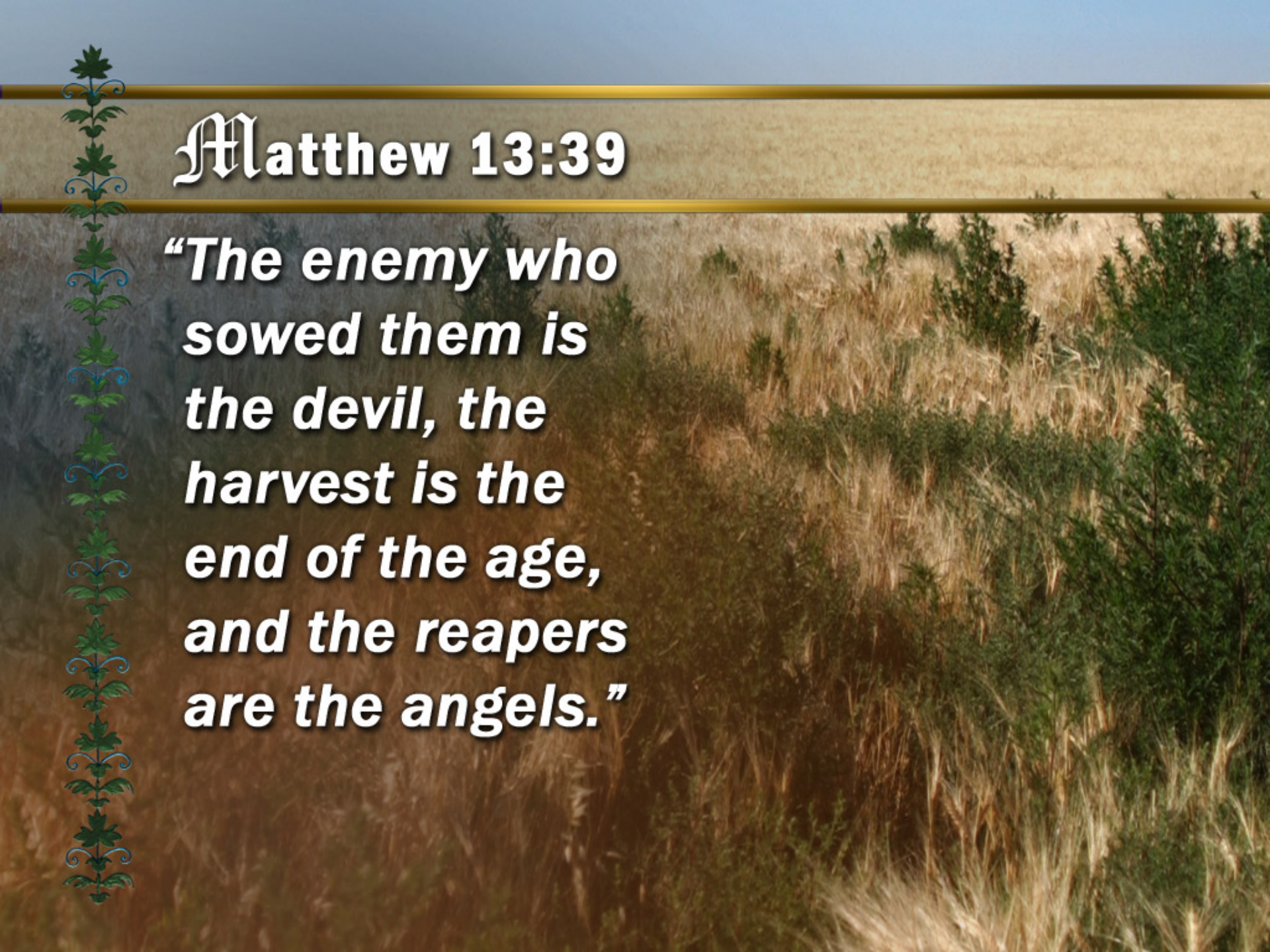



Angela




Matthew 13:39

“The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.”






*Understanding these
messages will give us a
different way of thinking;
a different way of
looking at life.*

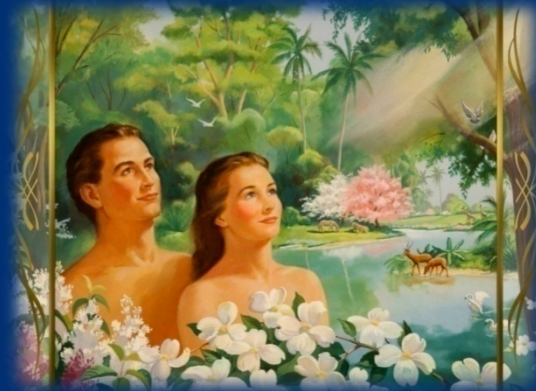


***These messages make it
clear that God has an
agenda for this world.
He has a plan for Planet
Earth.***



*To know the issues that
face this earth at the end
of time is crucial! The
Three Angels' messages
focus on these very
issues.*


Suppose you came up to Adam in the Garden of Eden before sin, and asked him, “Have you heard about the two trees, the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?”





***But how many know about
the messages of the Three
Angels today?***

***Be advised: they are just as
crucial in our time as was
the message of the two
trees in Adam's time!***



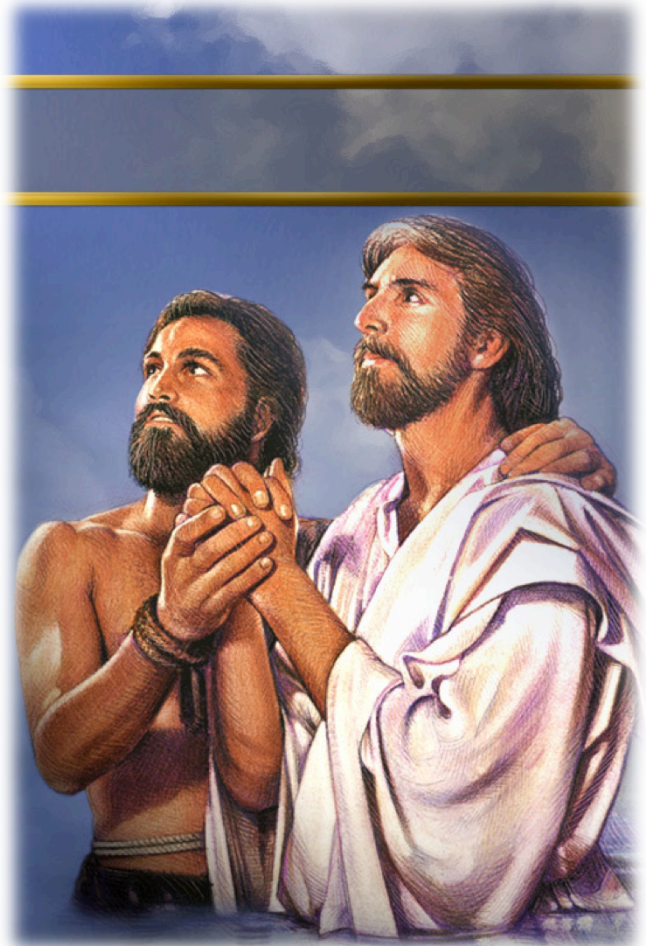
*Who are the “angels”
that are spoken of in
Revelation 14?*



*The word “angel” in
Greek (angelos) means
“messenger.”*

Luke 1:17

The Scriptures call John the Baptist an “angel”? He was commissioned to “make ready a people for the coming of the Lord.”





“What did you go out into the wilderness to see?

A reed shaken by the wind?

But what did you go out to see?

A man clothed in soft garments?

Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses.


“But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.’”

Matthew 11:7-10



***“Behold I send My
angelos, (My ‘angel’)
before Your face.”***







*These are the last day “John
the Baptists” or “angels”
who give to the world God’s
last warning message.
They are human beings
doing a heavenly work.*

*In a literal sense,
there were “angels in
the sky” who sang
their announcement
of the first coming of
Jesus to the
shepherds of
Bethlehem.*






In a figurative sense, there are “angels in the sky” depicted in Revelation 14 who are actually human beings, God’s last day messengers, who bear the final warning message to Planet Earth announcing His second coming.




“Having the everlasting gospel” is the way the first angel is initially introduced.

*It all begins with
God's love.*





***“We love Him because
He first loved us” 1 John 4:19***



God sent His Son to die, not for “saints,” but for the “world,” a word which described the ungodly, the unlovable.












God has a plan for this planet, and a plan for your life!

The messages of the Three Angels is really one message, a message of God's love for a dying world.



God's plan of salvation takes care of the mistakes of the past, the trials and temptations of today and provides for a future in which sin will be forever banished.





“For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”

Romans 5:10



“He Who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

Romans 8:32



*“The mercy of the LORD is
from everlasting to
everlasting.”*

Psalm 103:17


*We can't conceive of eternity
in the past, but God's mercy
was there.*





*Jesus was the Lamb slain
“from the foundation of the
world.” **Revelation 13:8***

*The plan of salvation was
not an after-thought, but
was there in God’s mind
from the very beginning.*




*It was first announced to
fallen man in Eden, when
God promised He would
“put enmity between you
(the serpent) and the
woman.”*


Genesis 3:15

*The problem of sin began
when a snake hung in a tree.
The solution for sin came
when a Savior hung on a
tree.*





This Good News is identified as the “everlasting Gospel.” The import of the adjective “everlasting” is that the Gospel has never changed; it is the same from beginning to end, from Genesis to Revelation.




*But weren't the people in
the Old Testament saved in
a different way than the
persons in the New
Testament?
Not in principle.*



Ephesians 2:8

By putting two simple texts together, we obtain the divine formula for redemption. Paul declared, “For by grace you have been saved through faith.”



*To the Galatians he wrote,
“For in Christ Jesus neither
circumcision nor
uncircumcision avails anything,
but faith working through
love.”*


Galatians 5:6

(“faith which works by love” KJV).



*How does salvation
become ours?*

*It is by grace through
faith which works by
love. That's simple, isn't
it?*




*Grace is God's wonderful gift
of eternal life bestowed
through the sacrifice of
Christ. Faith is our
appreciation of this great
gift and laying hold on the
promise.*




Having done so, we walk in the Spirit and live by His precepts.


“Works” are the fruit of our relationship with Christ. They do not earn us salvation, but they attest that we are truly connected with Him, as the branch is to the Vine.




*All this is within the context of
“love.” We don't obey Him for
fear of being lost, but in
wondrous admiration for His
great gift. Thus salvation
comes to us “by grace through
faith which works by love.”*




The New Testament makes it abundantly clear that this same formula was the means by which people in the Old Testament were saved, “By grace through faith which works by love.”



*A brief examination of Romans
4 and 5, along with Hebrews
11 confirms that the saints of
old were saved by grace
through faith, and their works
testified of their righteousness
in Christ.*




“For what does the Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God (that is, he exercised faith in God), and it was accounted to him for righteousness.'



Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. But to him who does not work (in order to obtain favor with God) but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness.”

Romans 4:3-5



*What “Scripture” did Paul
quote when developing his
thesis on salvation by faith?*


Genesis 15:6!

*This way of obtaining salvation
is embedded in Scripture from
the very beginning!*


How did Adam and Eve become “covered” after their Fall? It was by God providing the tunic of “skins” to hide their nakedness.

Genesis 3:21







The point is clear: the Old Testament teaches salvation by grace. Pharisaical legalism is not the religion of the Old Testament; it is a corruption of God's plan of salvation.




*Adam's salvation came by
grace, as did Abraham's,
David's and all the other
saints of the Old Testament
period.*



Their “works” didn't earn God's favor; they verified that their faith was true. They were saved by the very same mechanism that we are today; by grace through faith which works by love.



It is true that we in New Testament times no longer express our faith in a coming Redeemer by the offering of an animal sacrifice, for the true Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, came and died on the cross for our sins.




The Lord gave clear indication that the system of types and shadows of the ceremonial economy are no longer required, by ripping the curtain of the temple


*from top to
bottom at the time
of Jesus' death.
Matthew 27:51*



*How do we
receive the Gift
of salvation?*




The Scriptures emphatically draw a line of distinction between the law of ceremonies which came to its end at the cross, and the moral law, the Ten Commandments, which endure forever.




*Paul sums it up eloquently
by stating, “Circumcision is
nothing and uncircumcision
is nothing, but keeping the
commandments of God.”*

1 Corinthians 7:19




This distinction between the moral and ceremonial laws was recognized and taught by the early Protestant churches.

It appears that in the last century this line has become somewhat hazy and ill-defined.



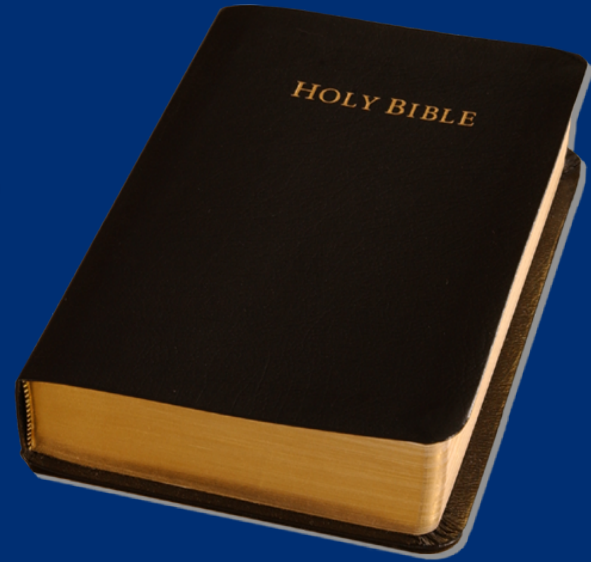
It is by exercising what the Bible calls faith, which is the capacity to believe. Faith itself is a gift from God: “He has given to all a measure of faith.”

Romans 12:3



*By continuous growth in
this faith experience, one
becomes “full of faith,”
which leads to becoming
faithful.*

*Through the grace
of God He forgives
our sins. The Bible
uses several
illustrations to help
us understand His
gracious act.*





Our sins are

“cast into the depths of the sea.”

Micah 7:19

They are “cast behind His back.”

Isaiah 38:17



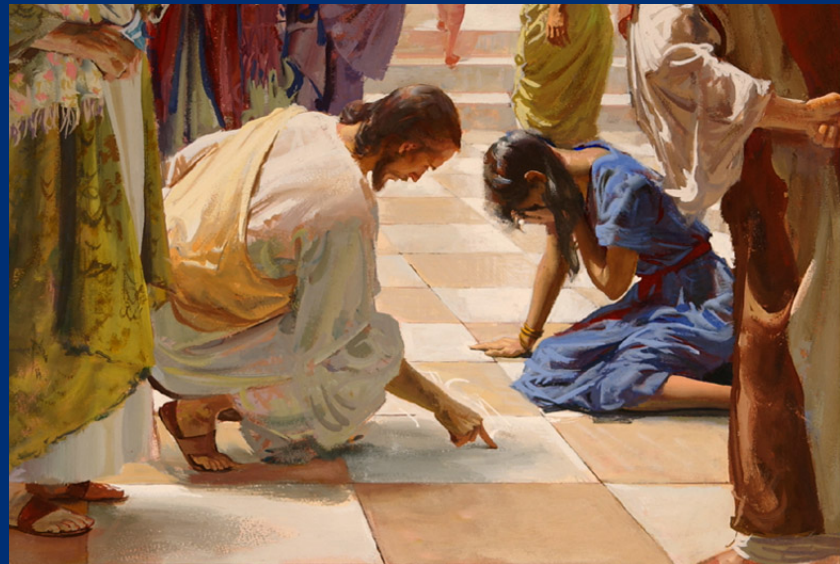
*They are
“blotted out, like a thick cloud.”*


Isaiah 44:22

*They are
“sealed up in a bag,” and
“plastered over.”*

Job 14:17, margin.


God's program of salvation has three parts. It not only deals with the past, but with the present and the future.






*Thus Paul could say that God
“delivered (past tense) us from
so great a death and does
deliver (present tense) us; in
Whom we trust that He will
still deliver us (in the future
kingdom of glory).”*

II Corinthians 1:10



*We need, through the
Gospel, to put away sin, to
think and live as did Christ;
to pursue that “holiness,
without which no one shall
see the Lord.”*

Hebrews 12:15



***Human nature wants to
cling to sin and to salvation
at the same time!***

That's not possible!

***Light and darkness cannot
coexist.***

Grace is stronger than sin!

*Jesus is stronger than the
devil!*






*Originally, man was made
“in the image of God.”*

Genesis 1:26

He was made “upright.”

Ecclesiastes 7:29




One of the saddest verses in all the Bible is Genesis 5:3, which speaks of Adam who, “begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.”




Matthew 1:21


**Jesus came to
“save us from
our sins.”**



According to the grand purpose of the Gospel, He works within us to restore our characters to be like His; to bring us back to holiness in thought and deed. We can't do that on our own; it's impossible. But He can.




***Why is that so important?
Because it does us no good
to know what's coming
unless we're prepared for it.***




*He's coming back to
transform our bodies, not
our minds or characters.*

Philippians 3:20, 21




*“And the temple, when it was
being built, was built with
stone finished at the quarry, so
that no hammer or chisel or
any iron tool was heard in the
temple while it was being
built.”*


1 Kings 6:7



All of the shaping and polishing of our characters is to be done here, on this earth. This is the quarry; Jesus is the Sculptor; now is the time.




*“Teach me, O LORD, the way
of Your statutes, and I shall
keep it to the end. Give me
understanding, and I shall
keep Your law; indeed I shall
observe it with my whole
heart.”*




*“Make me walk in the path of
Your commandments, for I
delight in it. Incline my heart to
Your testimonies, and not to
covetousness. Turn away my
eyes from looking at worthless
things, and revive me in Your
way.”*

Psalm 119:33-37



*As if in answer to David's
prayer, the New Covenant
promises that He will indeed
write His laws in our heart and
within our minds.*

Hebrews 8:8-10




When Christ comes into our lives and we are re-born, a new nature is born within us.


When we become “born of God,” in a new and special way, we partake of His nature.

That's a principle of life; that children share the nature of their parents.






*“As His divine power has
given to us all things that
pertain to life and godliness,
through the knowledge of
Him Who called us by glory
and virtue,*




by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

II Peter 1:4



*“As many as received Him
(we have to consent for this
to happen), to them He gave
the right to become children
of God, even to those who
believe in His name;*




*“who were born, not of
blood, nor of the will of the
flesh, nor of the will of man,
but of God.”*

John 1:12, 13




Romans 12:2

**Through the Gospel we are
transformed by the
“renewing of our mind.”**



*The heavenly invitation is to
“let this mind be in you,
which was also in Christ
Jesus.”*

Philippians 2:5




*“We have known that the
Son of man is come, and
hath given us an
understanding (or “mind”),
that we may know Him Who
is true.”*

1 John 5:20, KJV.


*Through the power of the
Holy Spirit He can
“bring every thought into
captivity to Christ.”*

II Corinthians 10:5






It follows that when the thoughts and attitudes are changed, behaviors and actions will follow, and thereby our habits, characters and destiny.



“I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.” **Romans 1:16**



*Someday the third part of
God's Gospel will become
reality. "All its sighing I have
made to cease (shabbat)."*

Isaiah 21:2

*Sorrow, sighing and the work
of the enemy will be on
permanent sabbatical!*



Thank you for coming.

**May God bless you and your family
this week when you open the door
to your heart and mind and invite
Jesus in.**

Topic For Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 7pm

“Give God Glory”
Evangelistic Series
Sermon Two

