

***Judgment does begin at the House of God,
But is that Only the SDA church?***

In the typical service only those who had come before God with confession and repentance, and whose sins, through the blood of the sin offering, were transferred to the sanctuary, had a part in the service of the Day of Atonement. So in the great day of final atonement and investigative judgment the ***only cases considered are those of the professed people of God.*** The judgment of the wicked is a distinct and separate work, and takes place at a later period. "Judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel?" 1 Peter 4:17. {GC 480.1}

Note This does not refer only to SDA church. [LaodiceanBabylon](#).

The warning for ***the last church*** also ***must be proclaimed to all who claim to be Christians.*** ***The Laodicean message, like a sharp, two-edged sword, must go to all the churches:*** "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent." Verses 15-19. It is our work to proclaim this message. Are we putting forth every effort that the churches may be warned? {6T 77.2}

***Adam was part of the House of God.
Judgement began with him.***

As the books of record are opened in the judgment, the lives of ***all who have believed on Jesus*** come in review before God. ***Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth,*** our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and closes with the living. Every name is mentioned, every case closely investigated. Names are accepted, names rejected. When any have sins remaining upon the books of record, unrepented of and unforgiven, their names will be blotted out of the book of life, and the record of their good deeds will be erased from the book of God's remembrance. The Lord declared to Moses: "Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My book." Exodus 32:33. And says the prophet Ezekiel: "When the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, . . . all his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned." Ezekiel 18:24. {GC 483.1}{GC88 480.1}--{GC88 483.1}

1Peter 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the ***house*** of God: and if it first begin at ***us***, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

1John. 2:2 And he is the propitiation for ***our*** sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Note: Peter includes himself in that house.

***Not Sealed until this Test,
for all living today.***

The Lord has shown me clearly that the image of the beast will be formed before probation closes; for it is to be ***the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.*** . . . [Revelation 13:11-17 quoted.] . . . {7BC 976.2}

This is the test that the people of God must have ***before they are sealed.*** All who proved their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will ***receive the seal of the living God.*** Those who yield the truth of heavenly origin and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast (Letter 11, 1890). {7BC 976.3}

We are nearing the close of this world's history. We are face to face with tremendous conflicts, *storms of dissension of which few dream*; and all our time and power of thought are to be centered on the living issues before us. God has tests for this age, and they are to stand out plain and unmistakable. It is too late now to become enthusiastic over any man-made tests. ***The great test for this time is on the commandments of God, especially the Sabbath, and nothing is to be brought in to draw the mind and heart from the preparation needed to meet it.*** The people of God will have all the test that they can bear. The Sabbath question is a test that will come to the whole world. We need nothing to come in now as a test for God's people, that shall make more severe for them the test they already have. . . . {SHM 443.1}

We are in danger of giving the Third Angel's Message in so indefinite a manner that it does not impress the people. So many other interests are brought in that the very message which should be proclaimed with power ***becomes tame and voiceless.*** At our camp-meeting a mistake has been made. The Sabbath question has been touched upon, but has not been presented as ***the great test*** for this time. While the churches profess to believe in Christ, they are violating the law which *Christ Himself proclaimed from Sinai.* The Lord bids us, "Show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." The trumpet is to give a certain sound. {PH130 32.1}

***Only one Probation given to Man.
Not one for SDA's and one for those, and another for them.***

We have but **one probation** in which to form **character**, and our destiny depends upon the manner of character we form. Those who on earth have formed characters that through the grace of Christ bear the heavenly mould, will be ripened through the gracious influence of the Holy Spirit for the eternal reward. They become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. ***It is a realization of the fact that our characters are Christlike, that calls forth the song of praise and thanksgiving to God and to the Lamb.*** Those who appreciate the goodness, mercy, and love of Christ, and by beholding him become changed into his image, will be partakers of eternal life. The attributes of their character are like those of

Christ, and they cannot fail of the rest that remains for the people of God. ST July 31, 1893, par. 1

We have only one life to live, only **one probation** in which to **form characters** that God can approve. Let parents take heed, first to themselves, and then to their children. Let them learn from the Word of God what their duty is. The work committed to them is a most solemn and important one,—a work that they can not neglect without incurring heavy guilt. They should make all else secondary to the training of their children, remember that as these children are in the home, so they will be when they go out into the world. ST April 8, 1903, par. 1

Note: Close of probation for SDA's at the Sunday-Law? but what of their claim to be the Bride of Christ. If already the chosen bride by profession then there is no need to be judged. If not judged why would the bride need a probation, or it's close. Then they are already saved. Thus they have removed the condition of salvation "character" for a counterfeit—the bride. As they have removed the means-test to manifest character as well the judgment that measures it, all while they claim to be the 144,000. [144-000.pdf](#). [TheBride](#). [TheBride3](#). [TheBrideIsAllTheyHaveLeft](#).

No Corporate-Collective-Group Salvation.

We are not saved as a sect; no denominational name has any virtue to bring us into favor with God. ***We are saved individually as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.*** And "by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." We may have our names recorded on the books of the most spiritual of the churches, and yet we may not belong to Christ, and our names may not be written on the Lamb's book of life. Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." If we could reach heaven through our own merits and efforts, then Christ need not have come to the world, to endure suffering, reproach, and shame, to be subjected to humiliation, mockery, insult, and death. He made an infinite sacrifice, because it was the only way whereby man could be saved. **Those who believe in Christ will reveal it in their life and character. By beholding Christ they will be changed into his image, and Christ will be represented to the world by his followers. If we are branches of the True Vine, precious clusters of rich fruit will appear in the life as the natural result. Practical faith in Christ will result in the doing of his words; the believer in Jesus will work the works of God. "We are laborers together with God." "Without me," says Christ, "ye can do nothing." In and through the grace of Christ we can do all things.** RH February 10, 1891, par. 6

Eze. 14:14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, ***they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness,*** saith the Lord GOD. . . . 20 Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

Again: it is written, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which 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). Jesus declared, "Except a

man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3). “Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (Verse 5). It is not a low standard that is placed before us, for we are to become the children of God. ***We are to be saved as individuals***, and in the day of test and trial ***we shall be able to discern between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not***. We are saved as individual believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. FW 101.2

Salt must be mingled with the substance to which it is added; it must penetrate and infuse in order to preserve. So it is through personal contact and association that men are reached by the saving power of the gospel. They are not saved in masses, but as individuals. Personal influence is a power. We must come close to those whom we desire to benefit.—*Mount of Blessing*, p. 59. (1896). Ev 460.2 MB 36.1

Testing times come to all. How do we conduct ourselves under the test and proving of God? Do our lamps go out? or do we still keep them burning? Are we prepared for every emergency by our connection with Him who is full of grace and truth? The five wise virgins could not impart their character to the five foolish virgins. ***Character must be formed by us as individuals. It cannot be transferred to another, even if the possessor were willing to make the sacrifice.*** There is much we can do for each other while mercy still lingers. ***We can represent the character of Christ.*** We can give faithful warnings to the erring. We can reprove, rebuke, with all long-suffering and doctrine, bringing the doctrines of Holy Writ home to the heart. We can give heartfelt sympathy. We can pray with and for one another. By living a circumspect life, by maintaining a holy conversation, we may give an example of what a Christian should be; ***but no person can give to another his own mold of character. Let us duly consider the fact that we are to be saved, not as companies, but as individuals. We shall be judged according to the character we have formed.*** It is perilous to neglect to prepare the soul for eternity, and to put off making our peace with God until upon a dying bed. It is by the daily transactions of life, by the spirit we manifest, that we determine our eternal destiny. He who is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much. If we have made Christ our pattern, if we have walked and worked as he has given us an example in his own life, we shall be able to meet the solemn surprises that will come upon us in our experience, and say from our heart, “Not my will, but thine, be done.” RH September 17, 1895, par. 10

Religion is a personal matter. ***We are not to be saved as churches, but as individuals*** who have appropriated the merits of Christ. The question each one should ask is: “Is it well with my soul? Has the transforming grace of Christ renewed my heart? Have I a kind, tender, compassionate spirit? Am I like Him who, though he was rich, yet for my sake became poor, that I through His poverty might be made rich? What sacrifice have I made for Him who died for me?” ST July 25, 1892, par. 12

We are to be doers of Christ's words, and not hearers only. ***Having our names registered in the church books will not save us. We are to be saved as individual members of Christ's body. We are to be individual workers with Christ*** in the great plan of salvation, and partakers at last with him in his glory. We are not to follow the customs and traditions of men; for they are far from the ways of God. We are ever to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. YI

June 28, 1894, par. 10

Individually you carry with you a personal value of more worth than worlds can buy. "What shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" [Mark 8:36, 37.] Nothing upon earth is of sufficient value to compute with the value of the human soul. Sin is a mortal disease. The wages of sin is death, the gift of God in the saving of the human soul is eternal life. *We have as individuals a soul to save or a soul to lose.* If the soul perishes through unbelief, it were better had that soul never have been born. Will you have Jesus Christ as your Saviour? He has given His life and made every provision that you shall not perish if you believe in Him. 8LtMs, Lt 2, 1893, par. 10

The Image to the Beast is formed before the "only" Close of Probation.

Several times during our conversation, in which you become very much in earnest, you repeated the sentence, "O consistency, thou art a jewel!" I repeat the same with decided force to you. You say that Anna's visions place the forming of the image of the beast after probation closes. This is not so. You claim to believe the testimonies; let them set you right on this point. The Lord has shown me clearly that *the image of the beast will be formed before probation closes; for it is to be the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.* Your position is such a jumble of inconsistencies that but few will be deceived. {15MR 15.1}

In Revelation 13 this subject is plainly presented; [Revelation 13:11-17, quoted]. {15MR 15.2}

This is the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed. All who prove their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will receive the seal of the living God. Those who *yield the truth of heavenly origin*, and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast. What need will there be of the solemn warning not to receive the mark of the beast, when all the saints of God are sealed and ticketed for the New Jerusalem? "O consistency, thou art a jewel!" {15MR 15.3} {D&R 370.2}

Note: If Probation closes for SDA's at the Sundaylaw then the destruction of those SDA's who were not faithful would also come at that same point of time, for "The work of destruction *begins among those who have professed to be the spiritual guardians of the people.* The false watchmen are the first to fall. There are none to pity or to spare. Men, women, maidens, and little children perish together. { GC 656.2}

As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By *uniting* with the world and partaking of *its spirit*, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light (DA 635.1); and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, *employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls.* They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to

misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them. {GC 608.2}{GC88 608.1}{4SP 426.1}{Mar 196.2}{FLB 336.7}{LDE 180.6}
LDE 209.3

When I was at Nashville, I had been speaking to the people, and in the night season, there was an immense ball of fire that came right from heaven and settled in Nashville. There were flames going out like arrows from that ball; houses were being consumed; *houses* were tottering and falling. Some of *our people* were standing there. "It is just as we expected," they said, "*we expected this.*" Others were wringing their hands in agony and crying unto God for mercy. "You knew it," said they, "*you knew that this was coming, and never said a word to warn us!*" They seemed as though they would almost tear them to pieces, to think they had never told them *or given them any warning at all.* 20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 13

GC 654.1; 655.

Ministers and people see that they have not sustained the right relation to God. They see that they have rebelled against *the Author of all just and righteous law.* The setting aside of the *divine precepts* gave rise to thousands of springs of evil, discord, hatred, iniquity, until the earth became one vast field of strife, one sink of corruption. This is the view that now appears to those who rejected truth and chose to cherish error. No language can express the longing which the disobedient and disloyal feel for that which they have lost forever--eternal life. Men whom the world has worshiped for their talents and eloquence now see these things in their true light. They realize what they have forfeited by transgression, and they fall at the feet of those whose fidelity they have despised and derided, and confess that God has loved them.

The people see that they have been deluded. They accuse one another of having led them to destruction; but *all unite in heaping their bitterest condemnation upon the ministers.* *Unfaithful pastors have prophesied smooth things;* they have led their hearers to make void the law of God and to persecute those who would keep it holy. Now, in their despair, these teachers confess before the world their work of deception. The multitudes are filled with fury. "We are lost!" they cry, "and you are the cause of our ruin;" and they turn upon the false shepherds. The very ones that once admired them most will pronounce the most dreadful curses upon them. The very hands that once crowned them with laurels will be raised for their destruction. The swords which were to slay God's people are now employed to destroy their enemies. Everywhere there is strife and bloodshed.