"I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

Psalm 2:7, 8



"The temple of God was opened in Heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament." Revelation 11:19.

#### First Decree: The Creator's Law

The Law of the Creator is the Standard of the Judgment

### The 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment Points Directly to the Creator of Heaven and Earth

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy....For in six days God made heaven and earth." Exodus 20:8,11

• The 7<sup>th</sup> Day is a Feast in Leviticus 23:1-3, 14

"Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts. Six days shall work be done: but the **seventh day** is **the sabbath of rest**, an **holy convocation**; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.... It shall be **a statute for ever** throughout your generations in all your dwellings."

"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 14:7

"In **Revelation 14**, men are called upon to **worship** the Creator, and the prophecy brings to view a class that, as the result of the threefold message, are keeping the commandments of God.

One of these commandments points directly to **God as the Creator**."

The Great Controversy, Chapter 25, 433, E.G. White, 1888.



# "Proclaiming – Declaring the Creator" "Proclaiming - Declaring the Year of the Creator"

"I shall not die but live and **declare** the works of the Creator." Psalm 118:17

Translations of 'Proclaim' in Hebrew - Verb

לָהַכרִיז

declare, announce, proclaim, advertise, make public, assert

לְהַצְהִיר

declare, state, proclaim, certify, predicate - affirm. declare. state - testify

לְקְרוֹא

read, call, study, invoke, invite, proclaim

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that **publisheth** peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that **publisheth** salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" Isaiah 52:7

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. To **proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD**, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

And they shall **build** the **old wastes**, they shall **raise up** the **former desolations**, and they shall **repair** the **waste cities**, the **desolations** of many generations." Isaiah 61:1-4

"And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall **build** the old waste places: thou shalt **raise up** the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The **repairer** of the breach, The **restorer** of paths to dwell in.

If thou turn away thy foot from the **sabbath**, from doing thy pleasure on my **holy day**; and call the **sabbath** a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the **high places** of the earth, and feed thee with the **heritage** of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it." Isaiah 58:11-14.

#### Foundation of many Generations – 457 BC – 31AD – 1844 – 2020

From 1844 to 2020 there are 176 years – a generation is often 40 years in the Bible – it has been more than **4 generations since 1844** – Surely, we want to declare His works and hasten His coming.

It is very important for His people to be able to declare and proclaim the prophecy of Daniel 8 and 9 and Revelation 14:7 pointing to the 'Hour of His judgment' which has started in 1844 with the dead soon to pass to the living.

The **Hour of His judgment** is to vindicate His character through His faithful people from Adam to the last generation to live upon this earth during the time of the plagues after probation is closed and there are no longer any mediation or Mediator in the Sanctuary above. This will be the first time since Genesis 3 that the human race will not have a Mediator to plead on their behalf to justify them.

The Vindication of the Character of the Creator is the primary purpose of the completed Plan of Redemption - Character: Name, Law, Glory

"But the plan of redemption had a yet broader and deeper purpose than the salvation of man. It was not for this alone that Christ came to the earth; it was not merely that the inhabitants of this little world might regard the law of God as it should be regarded; but it was to vindicate the character of God before the universe."

Patriarchs and Prophets, 68.

"The ark of God's testament is in the holy of holies, the **second apartment of the sanctuary**. In the ministration of the earthly tabernacle, which served "unto the example and shadow of heavenly things," this apartment was opened only upon the **great day of atonement**, for the cleansing of the sanctuary. Therefore the announcement that the temple of God was opened in Heaven, and the **ark of his testament** was seen, points to the opening of the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, in 1844, as Christ entered there to perform the closing work of the atonement.

Those who by faith followed their great High Priest, as he entered upon his ministry in the most holy place, beheld the ark of his testament. As they had studied the subject of the sanctuary, they had come to understand the Saviour's change of ministration, and they saw that he was now officiating before the ark of God, pleading his blood in behalf of sinners." The Great Controversy, Chapter 25, 433, E.G. White, 1888.

"The ark in the tabernacle on earth contained the two tables of stone, upon which were inscribed the **precepts of the law of God**. The ark was merely a receptacle for the **tables of the law**, and the presence of these divine precepts gave to it its value and sacredness. When the temple of God was opened in Heaven, the ark of his testament was seen.

Within the holy of holies, in the sanctuary in Heaven, the divine law is sacredly enshrined,—the law that was spoken by God himself amid the thunders of Sinai, and written with his own finger on the tables of stone." Ibid., 433.

The Day of Atonement is a Feast celebrated in the Fall and is mentioned in the Sanctuary Calendar of Leviticus 23:27-37 and Numbers 29:7-11.

"The **law of God** in the sanctuary in Heaven is the great original, of which the precepts inscribed upon the tables of stone, and recorded by Moses in the Pentateuch, were an unerring transcript. Those who arrived at an understanding of this important point [in 1844], were thus led to see the sacred, **unchanging character of the divine law**. They saw, as never before, the force of the Saviour's words, "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in nowise pass from the law." Matthew 5:18.

The law of God, being a revelation of his will, a transcript of his character, must forever endure, "as a faithful witness in Heaven." Not one command has been annulled; not a jot or tittle has been changed." Ibid., 434.

"Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in Heaven."

"All his commandments are sure.

They stand fast forever and ever."

Psalms 119:89; 111:7, 8

"In the very bosom of the decalogue is the **fourth commandment**, as it was first proclaimed: "Remember the **Sabbath day**, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the **seventh day** is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:8-11.

The Spirit of God impressed the hearts of those students of his Word. The conviction was urged upon them, that they had ignorantly transgressed this precept by disregarding the Creator's rest-day. They began to examine the reasons for observing the **first day of the week** instead of the day which God had sanctified. They could find no evidence in the Scriptures that the fourth commandment had been abolished, or that the Sabbath had been changed; the blessing which first hallowed the seventh day had never been removed." Ibid., 434.

"They had been honestly seeking to know and to do God's will; now, as they saw themselves transgressors of his law, sorrow filled their hearts, and they manifested their loyalty to God by keeping his Sabbath holy.

Many and earnest were the efforts made to overthrow their faith. None could fail to see that if the earthly sanctuary was a figure or pattern of the heavenly, **the law deposited in the ark on earth** was an exact transcript of the law in the ark in Heaven; and that an acceptance of the truth concerning the heavenly sanctuary involved an acknowledgment of the claims of God's law, and the obligation of the **Sabbath of the fourth commandment**." Ibid., 434.

"The work of judgment which began in 1844, must continue until the cases of all are decided, both of the living and the dead; hence it will extend to the close of human probation. That men may be prepared to stand in the Judgment, the message commands them to "fear God, and give glory to him," "and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." The result of an acceptance of these messages is given in the words, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." In order to be prepared for the Judgment, it is necessary that men should keep the law of God. That law will be the standard of character in the Judgment." Ibid., 435.

"By the first angel, men are called upon to "fear God, and give glory to him," and to worship him as the Creator of the heavens and the earth. In order to do this, they must obey his law. Says the wise man, "Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man." Ecclesiastes 12:13. Without obedience to his commandments, no worship can be pleasing to God. "This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments." "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." 1 John 5:3; Proverbs 28:9." Ibid., 436.

"The duty to worship God is based upon the fact that he is the Creator, and that to him all other beings owe their existence. And wherever, in the Bible, his claim to reverence and worship, above the gods of the heathen, is presented, there is cited the evidence of his creative power. "All the gods of the nations are idols; but the Lord made the heavens." Psalm 96:5. "To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things."

"Thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; **God** himself that formed the earth and made it; ...I am Jehovah; and there is none else." Isaiah 40:25, 26; 45:18. Says the psalmist, "Know ye that Jehovah, he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves."

"O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." Psalm 100:3; 95:6. And the holy beings who worship God in Heaven state, as the reason why their homage is due to him, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things." Revelation 4:11." Ibid., 436.

"In **Revelation 14**, men are called upon to worship the Creator, and the prophecy brings to view a class that, as the result of the threefold message, are keeping the commandments of God. One of these commandments points directly to **God as the Creator**.

The fourth precept declares: "The **seventh day** is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.... For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:10, 11.

Concerning the **Sabbath**, the Lord says, further, that it is "a **sign**, ... that ye may know that **I am the Lord your God**." Ezekiel 20:20. And the **reason** given is, "For in six days **the Lord made heaven and earth**, and on the **seventh day he rested**, and was refreshed." Exodus 31:17." Ibid., 437.

"The importance of the Sabbath as the memorial of creation is that it keeps ever present the true reason why worship is due to God, 'because he is the Creator, and we are his creatures.'

"The **Sabbath** therefore lies at the **very foundation of divine worship**; for it teaches this great truth in the most impressive manner, and no other institution does this. The true ground of divine worship, not of that on the seventh day merely, but of all worship, is found in the **distinction between the Creator and his creatures**.

This great fact can never become obsolete, and must never be forgotten." It was to **keep this truth** ever before the minds of men, that **God instituted the Sabbath in Eden**; and so long as the fact that he is our Creator continues to be a reason why we should worship him, so long the Sabbath will continue as its sign and memorial."

Had the Sabbath been universally kept, man's thoughts and affections would have been led to the Creator as the object of reverence and worship, and there **would never** have been an idolater, an atheist, or an infidel [or an evolutionist]."

The keeping of the Sabbath is a sign of loyalty to the true God, "him that made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." It follows that the message which commands men to worship God and keep his commandments, will especially call upon them to keep the fourth commandment." Ibid., 437.

The true 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath is based on the Sanctuary Calendar reckoning restored by the Millerites in 1844 - the Luni-Solar - Barley Harvest - New Moon Horned Crescent Hebrew calendar: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-p9epJmwF-M&feature=emb\_logo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-p9epJmwF-M&feature=emb\_logo</a>

#### Jeremiah Hides the Tent, Ark, and Altar Before the Deportation from Jerusalem and Destruction of the City by Babylon

"One finds in the records that the prophet Jeremiah ordered those who were being deported to take some of the fire, as has been mentioned, and that the prophet, after giving them the law, instructed those who were being deported not to forget the commandments of the Lord, or to be led astray in their thoughts on seeing the gold and silver statues and their adornment. And with other similar words he exhorted them that the law should not depart from their hearts.

It was also in the same document that the prophet, having received an oracle, ordered that the tent and the ark should follow with him, and that he went out to the mountain where Moses had gone up and had seen the inheritance of God. Jeremiah came and found a cave-dwelling, and he brought there the tent and the ark and the altar of incense; then he sealed up the entrance."

2 Maccabees 2:2-5.

"Some of those who followed him came up intending to mark the way, but could not find it. When Jeremiah learned of it, he rebuked them and declared: "The place shall remain unknown until God gathers his people together again and shows his mercy. Then the Lord will disclose these things, and the glory of the Lord and the cloud will appear, as they were shown in the case of Moses, and as Solomon asked that the place should be specially consecrated." 2 Maccabees 2:6-8.

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