HEALING STREAM MINISTRIES presents...

THE UNDILUTED, FULL STRENGTH, THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES with enough power to...

- cleanse from all sin
- set us free from all bondage
- break all the power of the enemy over us
- restore us to total spiritual health
- develop immunity to all last-day deceptions

#29 – Seeing the Big Picture

In your study of the Book of Revelation have you ever been so caught up in trying to understand all the details of the book that you missed seeing the big picture of what this book is all about? You have heard the saying, I can't see the forest because of the trees. The divine inspiration of this book is found not only in its details, but also in the larger picture it gives about God's plan for our redemption. May I share with you something of this "big" picture as it is found in the three angels' messages? I believe you will find that the three angels' messages are not just a haphazard collection of sayings, but that there is a definite order and progression of its themes, designed to enable us to see the totality of God's redemption for every area of our lives along with some intensely practical applications to human life and experience. By mastering these you will also be enabled to be more than a conqueror in understanding the BIG PICTURE of the issues of end-time prophetic fulfillments.

Here is my version in outline form of this larger picture. It is all based on discerning the theme of God's covenant everywhere in this passage of Revelation 14:6-12.

The Covenant in The Three Angels Messages Taking God's Prescriptions for Your Life Today

THE FIRST ANGELS' MESSAGE: GOD'S COVENANT APPEAL

The 1st angel's message is God's prescription for you that you don't have to work to earn your salvation, because salvation is His gift to you. He saves you on the basis of His covenant, the intention of His heart before the foundation of the world, not on basis of your performance. The adequacy of Christ's death on Calvary's cross as full atonement for sin overcomes all fears of present failure and future punishment.

The security of the everlasting gospel will lead you to... *Fear God* for the 'fear of God' overcomes all other fears.

Give glory to Him for glorifying Him destroys the deadly cancer of pride and self-sufficiency.

Worship Him for worship is the heaven-designed way whereby God fills your life with the sufficiency of His resources as you serve Him with your praises.

THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE: WARNING ABOUT COVENANT VIOLATIONS

The 2nd angel's message: "Babylon is fallen..." is God's assessment and judgment on the sin disease: the abuse of love, love which has to be "bought and sold." Babylon is more than confusion; it is also bondage to self – the pursuits of the lusts of our own hearts. A Babylon-like style of living breaks the covenant of her heavenly husband, Jesus Christ, by looking for love in the wrong places. Salvation and spiritual health can only be restored when you come out of the bondage of...

- Bitterness and unforgiveness anything which takes away your freedom in Christ.
- The dependence (intoxication) on possessions, people, places, position and power to satisfy your deepest needs.

The cure for the sin-disease of Babylon: Rest in the security of God's love, because the power of His love overcomes fears of rejection and liberates you from the bondage of looking for love in the wrong places.

THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE: DETECT AND DEPART FROM COVENANT VIOLATIONS

The 3rd angel's message: "Do not worship the beast." God's description of the sin disease: idolatry and the resulting abuses of power. When you worship the beast (an idol, a substitute, or replacement for Jesus Christ) you will receive in your life the life-damaging consequences of beast worship.

- You may use the methods of the beast to do the work of the Lamb.
- You may try to fill your cup of personal significance by methods that damage yourself and others force, fear, threat, coercion, manipulation, intimidation all methods of control.

The cure for the 'beast' disease: Worship Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, as all-sufficient to meet your every need. Contentment with Christ and His salvation is the only sure way to protect yourself against the deception of both 'Babylon' and the 'beast.' His sufficiency overcomes feelings of shame and inadequacy.

THE BLESSINGS AND RESULTS OF COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

You will joyfully experience these covenant blessings in your life:

- The patience of the saints accepting difficult situations and people without giving God a deadline to remove them. You can confidently trust Him because He works all things together for good to those who love Him (Romans 8:28).
- Keep the commandments of God not to earn salvation, but to protect God's gift of salvation to you, already provided through His everlasting covenant. You will keep the commandments, not as a list of rules by which to earn salvation, but as expressions of genuine love to both God and others.
- The faith of Jesus as you confess that your salvation does not rest on your performance of the terms of a contract, but is solely based on fully trusting in Christ's covenant faithfulness.

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