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- · 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

## #7 – The Great Silence

"...the hour of His judgment is come" (Revelation 14:7) is the call of the bailiff (the first angel) for the entire universe to enter into the proceedings of heaven's open courtroom. What is one of the purposes of this judgment? Jesus said that the Father "has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him" (John 5:22,23). How could you give honor to this Judge if you did not believe that He was going to be totally fair in all His decisions? You see, no one knows more about unfairness and injustice than God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus personally experienced the greatest injustice ever committed by men. As you read the following, you will understand so much better why He is qualified to be your Judge.

## "THE GREAT SILENCE"

At the end of time, billions of people were scattered on a great plain before God's throne. Most shrank back from the brilliant light before them. But some groups, near the front talked heatedly – not with cringing shame, but with belligerence.

"Can God judge us? How can He know about suffering?" snapped a pert young brunette. She ripped open a sleeve to reveal a tattooed number from a Nazi concentration camp. "We endured terror, beatings, torture, death!" In another group a Negro boy lowered his collar. "What about this?" he demanded, showing an ugly rope burn, "Lynched for no reason but being black!" In another crowd, a pregnant schoolgirl with sullen eyes. "Why should I suffer?" she murmured, "It wasn't my fault."

Far out across the plain were hundreds of such groups. Each had a complaint against God for the evil and suffering He permitted in this world. How lucky God was to live in heaven where all was sweetness and light, where there was no weeping or fear, no hunger or hatred. What did God know of all that man had been forced to endure in this world? For God leads a pretty sheltered life, they said.

So each of these groups sent forth their leader, chosen because he had suffered the most. A Jew, a Negro, a person from Hiroshima, a horribly de-

formed arthritic, a thalidomide child. In the center of the plain they consulted with each other. At last they were ready to present their case. It was rather clever.

Before God could be qualified to be their judge, he must endure what they had endured. Their decision was that God should be sentenced to live on earth – as a man! "Let him be born a Jew. Let the legitimacy of his birth be doubted. Give Him work so difficult that even his family will think him out of his mind when he tries to do it. Let him be betrayed by his closest friends. Let him face false charges, be tried by a prejudiced jury and convicted by a cowardly judge. Let him be tortured.

"At the last, let him see what it means to be terribly alone. Then let Him die. Let him die so that there can be no doubt that he died. Let there be a great host of witnesses to verify it." As each leader announced his portion of the sentence, loud murmurs of approval went up from the throng of people assembled. And when the last had finished pronouncing sentence, there was a long silence. No one uttered another word. No one moved. For suddenly all knew that God had already served his sentence.

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You can totally trust this Judge because "righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne" (Psalm 89:14), and "all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He" (Deuteronomy 32:5).

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