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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

#48 – Who Gets the Glory?

"Fear God and give glory to Him for the hour of His judgment has come" (Revelation 14:6).

The purpose of the plan of salvation is far greater than our salvation from hell to heaven. God's ultimate purpose is to restore through worship the tarnished glory of God – "to the praise of His glory" (Ephesians 1:12,14). How often have we not visualized ourselves as singing, "O that will be, glory for me" when we arrive on that heavenly shore? But worship is not worship unless we somehow lose our self-centered and narcissistic preoccupation with ourselves. Notice how the twenty-four elders cast their crowns before the throne (Revelation 4:10). The core of sin is found in our self-centeredness. Even our awareness of and our trust in our own good works can detract from the glory of God. The core of righteousness is found in our focus on God's glory as we benefit from the all-sufficient accomplishments of the cross of Christ.

The three angels messages must accomplish far more than warnings about coming judgments. Notice the exact words of the text that we are to give Him glory <u>because</u> [for] the hour of His <u>judgment</u> has come. The judgment IS a reason to give Him glory. Replace your fears about the judgment with the joy of anticipation of the judgment: "Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and all its fullness; let the field be joyful, and all that is in it...For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with His truth" (Psalm 96:12,13).

So if we look upon the judgment with fear and trepidation are we really giving God glory? or are we testifying through unbelief to our self-centeredness that 'it is all about us' – our need to prove our goodness to God and to others, somehow hoping that we can impress God that we are worthy, i.e. good enough to pass the judgment?

How do we overcome our self-centeredness? Abandon all the self-seeking ways of Babylon. Let go of the <u>abuse of love</u>, of looking for love in the wrong places – the expectations that others will somehow fill our cups. If God's love is sufficient, then there is no need for us to work so hard to obtain love.

Discard all the self-seeking ways of the beast, his <u>abuse of power</u> evidenced through the need to impress, force, control, intimidate, threaten, and manipulate others so we can have our own way. Don't just come out of the Babylon of false doctrines. Come also out of the experiential Babylon where SELF still reigns.

How do we abandon our preoccupation with SELF? Only by trusting that our God is BIG enough to handle anything. It is when we do NOT trust that we open our lives to the enemy's suggestions that we can do a better job than God is doing.

Through the symbol of Babylon the enemy suggests that because your God is <u>not</u> loving enough, it is therefore OK for you to try till your love cup from other sources.

Through the symbol of the beast, the enemy says, Because it appears that God is <u>not</u> now working actively working in your life, it is therefore OK for you to try to help God do a better job by taking things into your own hands.

Through the symbol of the slain Lamb, the witnesses in heaven's courtroom declare, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor and glory and blessing" (Revelation 5:12).

Believe their testimonies. God would not allow lying witnesses to appear in heaven's courtroom. Join their singing now. In worship God satisfies our thirst for Him. In worship He fills our cups. In worship He shows Himself sufficient to meet all our needs. Believe Him! This is how God receives maximum glory.

God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him.

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