

Sabbath ~ June 24, 2017

Lecture 20: Art's Position on the Advent Faith Part 4 .

Covered May 13, 2017

- 1.) **Subject: God does NOT change .**
- 2.) **Subject: Inspiration of God's messenger .**
- 3.) **Subject: Miller's Rules used in a Lesson .**
- 4.) **Subject: O. R. L. Crosier ~ The Law of Moses .**
- 5.) **Subject: Ellen G. White .**

Covered May 27, 2017

- 6.) **Subject: The List of Important Doctrines .**

6.1.) **The 2300 days**

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6.2.) **The Sanctuary** - Daniel 8:13-14... Reading....

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6.3.) **The Commandments of God**

6.3.1.) This title means to us the ten commandments as given by God to Moses on the two tables of stone.

However, the great over-arching focus for us is in fact the Sabbath, the fourth commandment, which God began when creation was finished.

- 6.3.2.) “Notice the order of the events of the first week of time. First, the creation in six days; second, God rested from the work of creation on the seventh day; and, third, he sanctified and blessed the day in which he had rested. It is evident that God resting on the seventh day did not make it holy; for after he had rested through the entire day, he *then* “blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because that in it he *had* rested.” To sanctify in “to separate, to set apart, or appoint to a holy, sacred, or religious use.” In doing this to the seventh day, at the close of the first week of time, God made the Sabbath “for man.” JW, *The Seventh Day*.... page 2.
- 6.3.3.) God’s requirements have always been a problem for the rebellious; first Satan, then the angels that were his followers, then man. Today we stand on the threshold of eternity. Almost, all prophecy has been fulfilled; the remaining unfulfilled portion can be fulfilled very quickly. I choose to believe in the immediate second coming of Christ; which is what the true pioneers believed. He has now been in the Most Holy place for 173 years. It’s time. This will not last much longer. The 144,000 are just about finished being made up. Christ can come this year.
- 6.3.4.) The commandments are in the way of the prince of this world, Satan. God will not always and

forever bear with rebellious humanity, an end will be made.

6.3.5.) No.6,p.22, “The conflict is between the requirements of God and the requirements of the beast. The first day, a papal institution which directly contradicts the fourth commandment, is yet to be made a test by the two-horned beast. **And then** the fearful warning from God declares the penalty of bowing to the beast and his image.” This passage has brought us to the loud cry, after which is the close of probation.

6.3.6.) So we know the end result of the great Sabbath conflict.

6.3.7.) Going back to the commandments of God, we look at the other nine. My summary.

6.3.7.1.) 1.) No other gods before the Lord God.

6.3.7.2.) 2.) No idols.

6.3.7.3.) 3.) Don't take God's name in vain.

6.3.7.4.) 4.) Sabbath.

6.3.7.5.) 5.) Honoring our parents.

6.3.7.6.) 6.) Don't kill people.

6.3.7.7.) 7.) No adultery.

6.3.7.8.) 8.) No stealing.

6.3.7.9.) 9.) No false witnessing.

6.3.7.10.) 10.) Covet nothing of others.

6.3.8.) Looking at this in reverse order; few have any problem with the tenth commandment. They are fine with it if others are prohibited from coveting what they have, because they want to keep it. That's simple.

- 6.3.9.) Number nine, is not a problem with most, especially when they want the truth from someone.
- 6.3.10.) Eight. God says no stealing. No one in their right mind would argue against this commandment. Even thieves do not want other thieves to take what they have.
- 6.3.11.) Much more in the past than the present, marrieds were not in agreement with their mate committing adultery. God forbids it here in the seventh commandment.
- 6.3.12.) The sixth command. God forbids the killing of other humans; except under special circumstances, which is a talk for another day. Not too many people want someone to kill them. Life is precious to most. Even people who know nothing of the commandments, upon hearing of the sixth, are in agreement with God on the matter.
- 6.3.13.) Five. Taking care of our parents. Most people think we should take care of our parents. Doing those things for them that they become unable to do as life slips away. God enjoins it.
- 6.3.14.) We will skip the fourth for the moment.
- 6.3.15.) The third commandment. I have never heard of anyone liking it that others used their name in a mocking, disparaging, manner; and by extension

they are also in agreement with this commandment. God is holy. Taking his name in vain is offensive to him and is here identified as a sin.

- 6.3.16.) Number two. No idols. I believe most people have little to no understanding of the implications of this commandment. So they will likely agree with this command, excepting the Catholics, and a few others. Mainstream religion uses no physical idols, openly deliberate; however, they have many other idols that are spiritual in nature.
- 6.3.17.) The first commandment is similar to the second in that, few understand the implications. So much in spiritual things is communicated to us by using physical things. It's not so much about a physical idol or another god to worship that is a physical idol. Those things are to be rejected; but what about setting up money as an idol or a god? It's no mistake that a TV program is titled, *American Idol*. There are many that worship these people that have been set up as idols, and they become the god of those that worship them, follow them, attempt in all ways, to mimic them, be like them.
- 6.3.18.) To get a correct understanding of spiritual things we must make our heart right before God; otherwise, even in the face of truth, we will not understand.
- 6.3.19.) So we have before us the ten commandments. Someone has said, "*Did you notice God did not call them the ten suggestions?*" And this is true.

They are commands, not suggestions. Humanity is faced with willing obedience or paying the price of dis-obedience in the fires of Hell.

- 6.3.20.) Why are so many accepting of just nine and not the fourth? Here is where the rubber meets the road. Every day people are making decisions, decisions that favor Heaven over earth, or, earth over Heaven. Every day we take a step, heavenward, or, earthward.
- 6.3.21.) Rejecting or dis-obeying any one of the ten commandments is identified in God's Word as a sin(1 John 3:4); all of which must be confessed and repented of that they may be blotted out (Acts 3:19) of the records of Heaven. Failure to cleanse ourselves of this filth (2 Corinthians 7:1) now, will cause us to loose Heaven.
- 6.3.22.) When the loud cry is sounded there will be precious little time for any character development. All that will have been done in the patient, waiting, watching, time. The loud cry is the last call to get on the train, to stand in defense of the faith, to choose obedience to God's commands, even in the face of death for so doing.

And that is...

~ **The End** ~

of our lecture today,

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