

Sabbath ~ July 8, 2017

Lecture 21: Art's Position on the Advent Faith Part 5 .

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**

For June 10, 2017

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

For June 24, 2017

- 6.3.) The Commandments of God**

For July 8, 2017

6.4.) **The Faith of Jesus—Christ**

- 6.4.1.) Spoken variously, both as, the faith of Jesus, or, the faith of Christ, meaning the same, we understand.
- 6.4.2.) Because we follow the directions as given by God through Ellen, first presented in *The Present Truth*, No.11, page 86, global paging 92, which states the following:
“I also saw that the shepherds should consult those in whom they have reason to have confidence, those who have been in all the messages, and are firm in all the present truth, before they advocate any new point of importance, which they may think the Bible sustains. Then the shepherds will be perfectly united, and the union of the shepherds will be felt by the church. Such a course I saw would prevent unhappy divisions, and then there would be no danger of the precious flock being divided, and the sheep scattered, without a shepherd.”
- 6.4.3.) Therefore we quote the following from James White to gain a clearer understanding of the term *The Faith of Jesus*.
- 6.4.4.) “Christ is the only authorized leader of his people.” LS,p.402
- 6.4.5.) LI,p.259, “6. The faith of Jesus. This term is used in distinction from the commandments of God. It

does not refer to a particular degree or kind of faith which the Saviour exercised in the performance of his miracles; for it appears that he wrought these by the power which he had already received from his Father. Matt. 8,2,3; Mark 1,40,41; Luke 5,23,24. The world itself was made by him. John 1. He had ample power, therefore, to perform every miracle which he wrought. There is but one other thing to which this term can refer, namely, the precepts and doctrines of our Lord as recorded in the New Testament. Thus "the faith of the gospel" (Phil. 1,27) must refer to the precepts and doctrines of the gospel. The faith to which a multitude of the priests were obedient (Acts 6,7), which was committed to the apostles for the obedience of all nations (Rom. 1,5), which Paul testifies that he had kept (2 Tim. 4,7), and which is to be earnestly maintained, as once delivered to the saints (Jude 3), must refer, we think, to the precepts and doctrines of the everlasting gospel. That the faith of Jesus is used in this sense in Rev. 2,13, we think cannot be denied. "Thou holdest fast my name," says Jesus, "and hast not denied my faith." That this is the sense in which it is used in Rev. 14,12, is further evident from the fact that it is spoken of as kept in the same manner that the commandments of God are kept. "Here are they that keep the commandments of God [the Father], and the faith of Jesus" [the Son]. This excludes alike the blind Jew, who makes his boast in the law and rejects Jesus, and also the Christian who professes faith in Christ while he breaks the commandments of God. It embraces Christian commandment-keepers only."

- 6.4.6.) This next reading is from a free source found on our download page, of sopvindicated.org, very near the top of that page. EP,p.458, “Again you inquire what the faith of Jesus is. I have seen that the brethren and sisters have not understood the faith of Jesus in its true light. They have taught that it is healing the sick, &c. [It is not healing the sick, merely, but it is all the teachings of Jesus in the New Testament.](#) “The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” [I saw that it was the whole New Testament which relates to Jesus.](#)”
- 6.4.7.) So now we need to look at some of the teachings of Jesus that are different than what the Old Testament says. I just did a search on the New Testament for the phrase “I say” and there are 178 matches; here are some choice ones.
- 6.4.8.) On a quick count, 32 matches are not Christ’s words. Diving into Matthew and picking up those choice ones.... we start with Matthew 5:.
- 6.4.9.) Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. (Mat 5:21-22)
- 6.4.10.) Ye have heard that it was said by them of old

time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

- 6.4.11.) It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.
- 6.4.12.) Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.
- 6.4.13.) Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you,

That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

6.4.14.) Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. (Mat 5:27-48)

6.4.15.) This is an incredible line-up! And we have only gone through a small portion of one chapter of one book, Matthew. I had never before noticed “the faith of Jesus” only since reading the passage by James from Life Incidents, page 259. But this is the great importance of studying what those true pioneers wrote; you remember, it is the ones who were a part of all three messages and are firm in all the present truth, they are the ones who are

to set present truth. And as a reminder, this is from *The Present Truth*, No.11, p.86, which is the first publication of that vision.

- 6.4.16.) God is showing us what we must do to get to the Kingdom, Heaven. The serious will follow Christ's leading, his teachings, as found in the New Testament. Think about how Christ dealt with his enemies. He lived what he taught. He lead the way. He opened the path that we are to take. And, he gave his church visions to remove all doubt about a clear understanding of the instructions.
- 6.4.17.) At some point in the future we plan to explore further into this important point of present truth. So important, in fact, that it is spoken of as being kept in the same way as the ten commandments of God. Everything I have ever read about this point of faith is in the two portions we have read, one from James and one from Ellen. Interesting.

And that is...

~ **The End** ~

of our lecture today,

God Bless your Study