

Sabbath ~ July 22, 2017

Lecture 22: Art's Position on the Advent Faith Part 6 .

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**

For July 22, 2017

6.5.) **The Sabbath Question**

- 6.5.1.) There are two laws before us, the Law of God and the Law of Moses. Both were given in written form about the same time, with Moses being the agent, or more properly, the prophet, God used.
- 6.5.2.) God gave us the Bible and, to remove all question, the Spirit of Prophecy. Here is an important passage you may have heard before, from 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 brings to view just where the real great controversy is. It is the Sabbath. And, the Sabbath is also the seal. More about that in a moment.
- 6.5.3.) Much is made in and out of the SDA church about the third angel’s message. In all my time in that church, fifty years of it, I can not recall hearing, or being impressed with, the idea that the Sabbath was the seal. Yet, it is even so.
- 6.5.4.) These two laws we speak of, deal with the Sabbath. The first is called the Law of God, or the Ten Commandments. The second is called the Law of Moses, and several other names.
- 6.5.5.) The Ten Commandments was written by God,

with his own finger, on tables of stone, his law that existed some 2500 years before he wrote it out; and it was placed inside the Ark of the Covenant, never to be changed or set aside.

- 6.5.6.) The Law of Moses was written by Moses at God's dictation, on paper (well, maybe skins), something that had not existed before, put in a book and placed on the outside of the Ark; it was a temporary law of types, designed to be nailed to a piece of wood and forever ended.
- 6.5.7.) So the Sabbath being the great focal point, it is important that we focus and concentrate our mental energies on this point. **First** and foremost, it is forever. It was not nailed to the cross as was the law of Moses. **Second**, it is one of the seven parts of present truth; which we are enjoined to unite upon and embrace as it is the truth needed to get through to the second coming of Christ. **Third**, it is the seal that all the 144,000 must have to be saved. **Fourth**, it is the last part of present truth to be given by God, because it is the seal. **Fifth**, it is the special work of the 144,000 to repair the breach in the law of God which has been made by the pope—the man of sin, the antichrist. **Sixth**, it is the great point of test during the loud cry. **Seventh**, it is forever into eternity too, for all the saints shall ever worship God each Sabbath in the earth made new.
- 6.5.8.) There is a special rest to the people of God associated with the Sabbath. Hebrews 3 & 4 give great insight into this, and there is more, for the

rest spoken on appears to be very closely tied in to God's words, words of truth. See Isaiah 28. "To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear." Verse 12. The question naturally comes up, why? why are they not hearing? Because they will not receive a love of the truth. Here is the list. "because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (2Th 2:10-12)

6.5.9.) Repent ye therefore, and be converted, [that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;](#) (Act 3:19) The time of the blotting out of our sins began October 22, 1844. The very next day the refreshing began with the vision from God through Hiram Edson showing the truth about what had happened the day before. This was the start of the Spirit of Prophecy, he that hath an ear to hear let him hear. The Spirit of Prophecy is not to give new light, it is to give a more clear understanding of the light in God's word, the KJV Bible. This is a part of the refreshing that all need to hear; it's a correct understanding of what we read in the Bible.

6.5.10.) "Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest," (Heb 4:11) Hearing to understand takes effort, the

use of energy. The use of energy is work. It takes work, or labour, to enter into the *rest* of reading and studying the Bible and the authentic Spirit of Prophecy. Embracing the learning of the true meaning of things God says.

- 6.5.11.) All we like sheep have gone astray and are lost, except for the way God has made for us to be saved. Remembering this, it is important for us to follow Christ in this matter, and not quench a smoking flax. This term is a figure used to illustrate people who have a small amount of truth, are cautious about what they embrace, geared ready to bolt and run. All such need to be treated like Christ would treat them. Remember, we all were like that. Christ is attracting us to himself, drawing us, not forcing, to the truth.
- 6.5.12.) The record of the institution of the Sabbath is in Gen.ii,2,3. "And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." {1855 JW, SDSL 2.1} 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 is "to separate, 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." {1855 JW, SDSL 2.2}

- 6.5.13.) God made this rest this refreshing for us. We can enter it in part by embracing the study of God's word, both in the Bible and the authentic Spirit of Prophecy.

And that is...

~ **The End** ~

of our lecture today,

God Bless your Study