

Sabbath ~ November 26, 2016

Lecture 7: 144,000 ~ Part 1 .

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1.) Subject: The Importance of this Subject .

- 1.1.) The 144,000 is an intense subject. Perhaps even more so for all that have attempted to understand it by using the counterfeit SOP. Because of who they are, it is critically important that we understand their position, their duties, their work, their forerunners and representatives, their privileges, which we learn by bringing all we know about proper study of truth and focusing it on our subject.
To do this we first must exclude everything that is not proven to be truth. For me this means that I will use only the KJV of the Bible and the proven authentic Spirit of Prophecy.
- 1.2.) The insinuations of Satan took effect until they [the angels in Heaven] really believed that the Father and the Son were their enemies, and Satan, the benefactor. **Satan has the same power and the same control over minds now, only increased by exercise and experience a hundred-fold.** Men and women are today deceived, blinded by his insinuations and devices, and know it not. p. 103, Para. 1, [23OT].
- 1.3.) **As we near the close of time, the human mind is more readily affected by Satan's devices.** R&H, February 18, 1862.
- 1.4.) Perhaps the most important text for the 144,000 is this: **Now *all* these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of**

the world are come. 1 Corinthians 10:11

So we see, we have an enormous focus on this grand culmination of the end of this controversy between Christ and Satan. And we are in this focal point.

2.) Subject: Reviewing the Basics About the 144,000 .

2.1.) Revelation 7, read pertinent parts.

2.2.) The divisions of these are listed in Revelation 7:5-8. Many consider that this is reflective of their characters. Arthur W Spalding wrote a small book titled *Brothers of the King* in which he commented on the prophecy of Jacob, the father of the heads of each of the twelve tribes, and the prophecy of Moses about the twelve, just prior to his death. Virtually all that was said was about character. Interesting.

2.3.) Revelation 14:1-5

2.4.) So in the future the 144,000 will 1.) have the Father's name written in their foreheads; 2.) sing a new song before the throne; 3.) follow Christ wherever he goes; 4.) be the firstfruits unto God and the Lamb; 5.) be without fault.

3.) Subject: The Position of the 144,000, as defined by the Authentic Spirit of Prophecy.

3.1.) First up, *The Day-Star*. Strait & Event

3.2.) We have a unique event, the deliverance of the Saints at the voice of God like many waters. Then, God also gives the

day and hour of Jesus' second coming.

- 3.3.) No.20, pages 42-49, has a unique vision, it very clearly defines the place for the authentic Spirit of Prophecy, and at the top of page 44 places the authentic Spirit of Prophecy nearly par with the Bible for method of study. **“God has been pleased to give you line upon line, and precept upon precept.”** Isaiah 28 is our witness.
- 3.4.) **This means that we need to do like WM did when studying.** We gather up everything we can on a subject and look at them together. We can expect to find our answer in truth, in two or more places.
- 3.5.) Now we need a second piece of information to go with *The Day-Star*, and here it is. *Spiritual Gifts, Vol.1, aka, The Great Controversy, 1858.* In this book we are going to go to the same event, which is the deliverance of the Saints by the voice of God. Page 205, second paragraph, third sentence.
- 3.6.) **But there was one clear place of settled glory, from whence came the voice of God, like many waters, which shook the heavens and the earth. There was a mighty earthquake. The graves were shaken open, and those who had died in faith under the third angel's message, keeping the Sabbath, came forth from their dusty beds, glorified, to hear the covenant of peace that God was to make with those who had kept his law. p. 205, Para. 2, [1SG].**

The sky opened and shut, and was in commotion. The mountains shook like a reed in the wind, and cast out ragged rocks all around. The sea boiled like a pot, and cast out stones upon the land. And as God spake the day and hour of Jesus' coming,...”

- 3.7.) Now **we have a positive ID on the same event**. And, this second source gives us additional information that we did not have before, yet in perfect harmony with the first passage.
- 3.8.) Here is the conclusion that I have reached. **Of all those who have heard this Advent message *properly given* only 144,000 will be saved**. The corollary to this is that **the count started on October 23, 1844**. Hence....
- 3.9.) We have a third piece of evidence. A letter of comfort to a Brother Hastings regarding his wife, who was to be a part of the 144,000 because she was sealed. EP,p.213, read.
- 3.10.) Now, to remove all doubt, we have a fourth piece of evidence. It is in the form of a postscript.
- 3.11.) EP,page 134, read.

4.) Subject: A Short Course on Proper Bible Study — Humbly Asking God to Explain His Own Words .

- 4.1.) Here are two very important verses to keep in mind as we study these things.
- 4.2.) 1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; **comparing spiritual things with spiritual**.

Joh 4:24 **God is a Spirit**: and they that worship him must worship him **in spirit** and in truth.

- 4.3.) There are two main methods God uses in defining his own words. First is **a direct statement**, as in our first text....
- 4.4.) Psalms 119:105 Thy word **is a lamp** unto my feet, **and a light** unto my path.
- 4.5.) Secondly **by inference**, as in our second text....
- 4.6.) And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and **a burning lamp** that passed between those pieces. Genesis 15:17
- 4.7.) Now we'll do another inference, or imply, text.
- 4.8.) Psalms 119:135 Make thy face **to shine** upon thy servant; **and teach me** thy statutes. This infers that to shine is to teach.
- 4.9.) At this point we need to look at something Christ said about John the Baptist. **“He [John the Baptist] was a burning and a shining light:** John 5:35 Now, using what we have learned, we can put a more clear understanding of just what this text is saying. God's word is a burning and a light. To shine is to teach. Therefore, we can affirm that John the Baptist was God's word teaching God's word! Amazing!
- 4.10.) Another piece of information is found in The Spirit of Prophecy, Vol.2, page 44, which speaks of John the Baptist. **“John was a representative of the people of Go in the last days, to whom God has committed important and solemn truths.”**
- 4.11.) This means to me that the 144,000 will be God's word teaching God's word!

And that is...
~ **The End** ~
of our Presentation for Today,
God Bless your Study



Extension Notes:

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I saw that the Sabbath-keeping ministers of Maine have failed to become Bible students. They have not felt the necessity of a diligent study of the word of God themselves, that they might be thoroughly furnished unto all good works; neither have they felt the necessity of urging the close searching of the Scriptures upon their hearers. p. 198, Para. 2, [20OT].

So today, I will urge upon you “the close searching of

the Scriptures.” How shall we do this? It’s simple, it’s thought to be foolishness by the “learned” men of the world, both in and out of the SDA church, but it’s allowing God to define his words, by his words.

There is a great write-up on this very point. It is found in “The Christian Life And Public Labors Of William Miller,” by James White, pages 217 - 225; though the passage could be shortened to 220 or so. It really is worth the read. Very good!

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