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Lecture 9: 144,000 ~ Part 3 .
An In-Depth Look at How God Defines The 144,000.

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1.) Subject: Visiting Proper Bible Study .

- 1.1.) **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].
- 1.2.) **“Meditation upon heavenly things is profitable, and will ever be accompanied with peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.** No. 17, p. 149
- 1.3.) James White published a book titled *Sketches of the Christian Life and Public Labors of William Miller* which details the important parts of Miller’s experience. Beginning on page 47 we will read a few lines which will give us important background information on what he discovered.
- 1.4.) " I determined to lay aside all my prepossessions, to thoroughly compare scripture with scripture, and to pursue its study in a regular and methodical manner. I commenced with Genesis, and read verse by verse, proceeding no faster than the meaning of the several passages should be so

unfolded as to leave me free from embarrassment respecting any mysticisms or contradictions. Whenever I found anything obscure, my practice was to compare it with all collateral passages; and, by the help of Cruden, I examined all the texts of Scripture in which were 48 found any of the prominent words contained in any obscure portion. Then, by letting every word have its proper bearing on the subject of the text, if my view of it harmonized with every collateral passage in the Bible, it ceased to be a difficulty. {1875 JW, SLWM 47.2} "In this way I pursued the study of the Bible, in my first perusal of it, for about two years, **and was fully satisfied that it is its own interpreter.** {1875 JW, SLWM 48.1}

- 1.5.) "In speaking of the 8th chapter of Daniel, and the question, 'How long shall be the vision?' he says, 'The answer is, "Unto 2300 days."' {1875 JW, SLWM 217.3}

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" 'But,' says the critic, it is 'evenings-mornings.' {1875 JW, SLWM 218.1}

" 'No matter: all men seem to understand it days; for it is so translated in every language with which we are acquainted at the present day. Therefore, this can never be made plainer, if this compound Hebrew word should be criticised upon until the judgment shall set. I am sick of this continual harping upon words. Our learned critics are worse on the waters of truth than a school of sharks on the fishing-banks of the north, and they have made more infidels in our world than all the heathen mythology in existence. What word in revelation has not been turned, twisted, racked, wrested, distorted, demolished, and annihilated by these voracious harpies in human shape, until the public have become so bewildered they know not what to believe? "They have fouled the waters with their feet." I have always noticed

where they tread the religious spirit is at a low ebb. It becomes cold, formal, and doubtful, at least. It is the mind of the Spirit we want, and God's word then becomes spirit and life unto us. {1875 JW, SLWM 218.2}

2.) Subject: A Short Review of a Bible Study Lesson from Lect. 7.

- 2.1.) There are two main methods God uses in defining his own words. First is **a direct statement**, as in our first text....
- 2.2.) Psalms 119:105 Thy word **is a lamp** unto my feet, **and a light** unto my path.
- 2.3.) Secondly **by inference**, as in our second text....

Focusing on the word lamp. **God's word is a lamp.**

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

Spiritually, **God's word is a lamp.** Here we are being taught by God that **his lamp is burning.**

The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out. Leviticus 6:13

Spiritually, **God's word shall ever be burning.** Period. Don't be afraid to eat one small bite of God's words.

He [John the Baptist] was a burning and a shining light: John 5:35

Spiritually, **John the Baptist was God's word teaching God's word.** (Psalms 119:135 shine is to teach)

John the Baptist is a representative of the 144,000, Spirit of Prophecy, Vol.2, page 44. Check out this verse.

Then stood up Elias [Elijah] the prophet as fire, and his word burned like a lamp. Ecclesiasticus 48:1
That's right, from the authentic Apocrypha.

Spiritually, **Elijah was God's word. And his word was God's word not his own.**

Elijah is a representative of the 144,000, Spirit of Prophecy, Vol.2, page 337.

Shifting gears a bit. **Often the spiritual definitions have two sides, just like a coin.** Here are a couple verses on the other side of this spiritual definition.

Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out. Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron. His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth. Job 41:19-21

That would be Satan, the leviathan.

An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and **in his lips there is as a burning fire.** Proverbs 16:27

Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a

potsherd covered with silver dross. Proverbs 26:23

Clearly this is not a reference to God or his words. As you study remember that often the definitions you learn have a good and a bad side. It's just a part of God's plan.

3.) Subject: A Short Review of a Bible Study Lesson from Lect. 8.

3.1.) Back to Revelation 14:4, "for **they are virgins**" it says.

3.2.) In these next two verses "**the virgin**" is clearly defined as "**daughter of Zion and Jerusalem.**"

The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn;
the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee. 2 Kings 19:21

what thing shall I liken to **thee, O daughter of Jerusalem?** what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort **thee, O virgin daughter of Zion?**
Lamentations 2:13

Working with the two phrases, "**daughter of Zion**" and "**daughter of Jerusalem**" we find there are 26 references to "daughter of Zion" and 6 for "daughter of Jerusalem."

In this last search something useful has appeared. More definitions.

he shall shake his hand against the mount of **the daughter of Zion,**

the hill of Jerusalem. Isaiah 10:32

Sing,

O daughter of Zion; shout,

O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart,

O daughter of Jerusalem.

Zephaniah 3:14

Rejoice greatly,

O daughter of Zion; shout,

O daughter of Jerusalem:

behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation;
lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

Zechariah 9:9

The **“daughter of Zion,”** is also **“daughter of Jerusalem,”** is also **“the hill of Jerusalem,”** is also **“Israel.”**

This is NOT man’s definitions, such as found in the dictionaries written by man, or by the use of Strong’s word numbering system. These are all man’s ideas. Something written by God should be defined by God, and not man.

4.) Subject: A Verse from Song of Solomon.

4.1.) And this, found in the Song of Solomon.

Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name
is as ointment poured forth, **therefore do the virgins love
thee.** Song 1:3

Here is a paraphrase showing part of the spiritual

meaning within.

Because of the savour {character, or, (Christ's) righteousness by faith} of thy good ointments {anointing oil} thy name {spiritual power} is as anointing oil poured forth {kindled = fire & anger = Loud Cry}, therefore do the 144,000 love thee.

Now we will look at the how, we arrived at the paraphrase.

And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: it is **a burnt offering** unto the Lord: it is **a sweet savour, an offering** made by fire unto the Lord. Exodus 29:18

Every single part of the Sanctuary in some way represented Christ. All the offerings were typical of Christ's death on the cross. The act of making an offering, was an act of faith in the righteousness of Christ, which was in part, his character.

And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: **it shall be an holy anointing oil.** Exodus 30:25

A direct instruction that **ointment = anointing oil.**

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with **the power of our Lord Jesus Christ**, 1 Cor. 5:4

“Name” is associated with **“and my spirit, with the power”** showing a direct correlation between the two. The **“power of our Lord Jesus Christ”** is the spiritual meaning.

Wherefore my fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as at this day. Jeremiah 44:6

The words “poured forth” point to “kindled,” which points to fire and anger, usually of God.

And I will make thee to pass with thine enemies into a land which thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in mine anger, which shall burn upon you. Jeremiah 15:14

I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I if it be already kindled? Luke 12:49

“Fire” is defined as God’s word, in this case we believe it points to the Loud Cry of God in “anger” of protest to the inhabitants of the world over the breach made in his law.

5.) **Subject: A Look at Lot**

5.1.) **The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar. Genesis 19:23**

Now, I look at this text and am reminded about the vision from God on November 18, 1848; which Joseph Bates wrote out as Ellen was in vision. Here are the parts I was reminded of.

Where did the light break out! ... It’s the seal! It’s coming up! It arises, commencing from the rising of the sun. ... It arose there in the east, ... It commenced from the rising

of the sun, keeps on it's course like the sun, but it never sets.
"A Seal of the Living God" page 24-26.

Notice the similarities.

The sun — This equals the third angel's message, the Sabbath, the seal of the 144,000.
November 18, 1848 vision.

was risen — The margin of the 1611 KJV says, "gone forth." Stated in past tense, indicating that the message was fully out, readily understood, the sun in strength giving heat, the Sabbath being kept and preached.

upon the earth — This must be "the earth" out of which America arose, Revelation 13:11.
From the November 18, 1848 vision, we are taught that the "east" is where the third angel's message arose, the northeastern part of America.

when Lot — He figures the saints, "just" 2 Peter 2:7; Genesis 19:29; 1858GC, p. 142.

entered into — action Lot took, then sanctioned by Christ. The formal formation of a church, May 21, 1863.

Zoar — The Advent church, became the SDA church; out of which Lot fled, "for he feared to dwell in Zoar," Genesis 19:30. This has been the action taken by many since.

There are a lot of unknowns at this time, but it would appear that God is now fulfilling his words in the Supplement to CEV, page 45.

The different parties of professed Advent believers have a little truth, **but God has given all that to his children who are being prepared for the day of God; also truths that neither of these parties know, and will not understand. Things which are sealed up to them, the Lord has opened to those who will see, and are ready to understand them. And if God has any new light to communicate, he will let his chosen and beloved understand it,** without their going to hear those who are in error and darkness to have their minds enlightened. p. 45, Para. 1, [SUPCEV].

And that is...

~ **The End** ~

of our Presentation for Today,
God Bless your Study

