

DVD #2 – Session 1

1st Angel's Message

Before God created the world, He had to have a plan should His creation choose not to obey Him. The nature of sin demands the loss of life, for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. When sin entered the world, God setup the sacrificial system showing that sin demands death and that eternal life is obtain by the gift of God.

For many centuries, the head of each household was the priest of the family and offered sacrifice as needed. It wasn't until Mt. Sinai that God gave a corporate, systematic sacrificial system that would educate His people in a right understanding of the holiness of God, the nature of sin, and how a sinner could approach God and be reconciled.

There were several steps involved in this process. If you were living at this time, this is the process of finding forgiveness of sin and reconciliation with God and your fellow man.

For each step list the requirements for accomplishing that step:

Step 1 – Choosing the sacrificial animal (Leviticus 4:27-28)

How Christ fulfilled this step:

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

1 Peter 1:18, 19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Step 2 – Presenting the sacrifice (Leviticus 4:4a)

How Christ fulfilled this step:

John 10:9 I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

Step 3 – Transferring the sin/guilt (Leviticus 4:4b)

How Christ fulfilled this step:

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

Step 4 – Death of the sacrificial animal (Leviticus 4:4c)

How Christ fulfilled this step:

Hebrews 9:26 ...He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

Isaiah 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Step 5 – Transfer of sin to the Sanctuary (Leviticus 4:5, 6)

How Christ fulfilled this step:

Hebrews 10:11, 12 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: 12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

Hebrews 10:19, 20 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh;

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Throughout this DVD series we have heard the word “covenant” many times. But what is a covenant and what did it mean in Bible times?

A covenant is an agreement between at least two parties. Such an agreement can occur between parties of equal standing, like many voluntary contracts in Western society today, or between parties of widely different standing, like God and man, where one party dictates the terms of the agreement and the other accepts them.

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew phrase translated “make a covenant” literally means “cut a covenant.” Why? Because there usually was a covenant ceremony that made the covenant binding on the parties. Similar to our signing a contract and making it legally binding on the parties involved. In the Old Testament, it wasn’t signatures that made the covenant binding, but the killing and cutting of an animal. The two parts of the animal were placed on the ground and the two parties would walk through them. The meaning was that if either party broke the requirements of the covenant agreement, may this fate (death) be to the one who brakes the covenant. (Arnold and Beyer 94)

Examine the following biblical covenants from the chart below. Fill in the parties involved in the covenant agreement and the responsibility of each party.

| Covenant | Parties Involved | Responsibilities of Each Party |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Genesis 3:15 | | |
| Genesis 9:12, 15, 16 | | |
| Genesis 15:7-21 | | |
| Exodus 19:5-8, 24:3-8 | | |
| Jeremiah 31:31-34 | | |
| Jeremiah 34:8-22 | | |

Making It Personal

God is a covenant God. He lives in covenant relationship with His people. Throughout the Bible, you find God making covenants with mankind. He did this with Noah, Abraham, Aaron, David, and the Israelites to name a few.

The new covenant brought about by the death of Christ allows all humanity to personally enter into covenant relationship with God. God desires to be in a covenant relationship with you. He has supplied everything necessary so this relationship can be a possibility.

The following passages of Scripture highlight a few of the many different aspects of a covenant relationship God desires to have with each one of us. Read each passage and reflect on the intimate relationship that God has planned for you with Him and what He is asking you to do as part of this covenant relationship.

2 Chronicles 7:14

My responsibilities: _____

God's responsibilities: _____

Hebrews 3:1-19, specifically 12-15

My responsibilities: _____

God's responsibilities: _____

2 Corinthians 6:2, 14-18

My responsibilities: _____

God's responsibilities: _____

Revelation 3:14-22

My responsibilities: _____

God's responsibilities: _____

Works Cited

Arnold, Bill T. and Bryan E. Beyer. *Encountering the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1999. Book.

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As the Lord was preparing the groundwork for the end-time message that was to go to the entire world, the enemy of souls was also preparing his deceptions to mask the truth that would be re-emerging from the dust and darkness of ages of error and misunderstanding. He was well aware that the message God was about to give would light the whole world with His glory, and the devil determined to blot out that light.

During the early 1800's many "new" movements were born, each with a message designed to keep truth buried or to keep it from being seen by as many as possible. Following are a few of the many and varied thought leaders and theories that emerged during the time of the Advent Movement:

Charles Darwin

- an English naturalist, geologist and biologist

- best known for his contributions to the science of evolution
- proposed that all species of life descended over time from common ancestors
- published his theory of evolution in his 1859 book On the Origin of Species
- By the 1870s, the scientific community and a majority of the educated public had accepted evolution as a fact.

Impact of Evolution Today

“According to a recent Pew Research Center report, 73 percent of American adults younger than 30 expressed some sort of belief in evolution, a jump from 61 percent in 2009, the first year in which the question was asked. The number who believed in purely secular evolution (that is, not directed by any divine power) jumped from 40 percent to a majority of 51 percent. In other words, if you ask a younger American how humans arose, you’re likely to get an answer that has nothing to do with God.”

http://www.slate.com/articles/health_and_science/science/2015/11/polls_americans_believe_in_evolution_less_in_creationism.html

What important end-time truths has Satan attempted to discredit through the theory of evolution?

Mormonism

- Originated in the 1820s in western New York
- Arose during a period of religious interest known as the Second Great Awakening
- Joseph Smith, Jr. said he received a vision in the spring of 1820 after praying about which denomination he should join.
- Smith reported several angelic visits and said he was told that God would use him to re-establish the true Christian church and that the Book of Mormon would be the means of establishing doctrine for the restored church.
- Smith and other early followers began baptizing new converts in 1829.
- The church was formally organized in 1830 as the Church of Christ.
- Smith was seen by his followers as a modern-day prophet.

13 Basic Points of Mormon Doctrine

1. The Bible has many errors, changes, and omissions and must be understood using the Mormon scriptures as explained by the LDS Church's prophets.
2. God the Father was once a man like us but is now God, our Heavenly Father.
3. We are all eternal, uncreated spirits who became the literal offspring of our Heavenly Father and Mother.
4. Jesus Christ was the firstborn spirit son of our heavenly parents and is the literal elder spirit brother of all of their other spirit children, including Lucifer (Satan). He became a God in heaven before becoming a mortal man.
5. The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are three separate Gods with three separate bodies (the first two of flesh and bone, the third of spirit).
6. Jesus Christ organized this world with the help of others, under the direction of Heavenly Father and the Council of the Gods; his helpers included Adam and perhaps Joseph Smith.
7. Adam and Eve's act of eating the forbidden fruit was not a sin, but was a noble deed that was necessary for the blessing of the human race.
8. Heavenly Father, himself an immortal, physical man, "sired" the physical body of Jesus Christ through his mortal mother Mary so that Jesus became his literal, only-begotten Son in the flesh when he was born on earth.
9. Salvation in the sense of immortal, glorified physical life is guaranteed for virtually all people, including those who reject Jesus Christ in this life, by Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.
10. Only those who accept the LDS faith and obey its requirements will be saved to live in the presence of Heavenly Father.
11. Joseph Smith is the Prophet of the Restoration, who did more for mankind's salvation than anyone besides Jesus Christ.
12. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the only true church, and its priesthood and ordinances are necessary for entrance into God's presence in the celestial kingdom.
13. Faithful Mormons may become Gods, meaning that they can become all-powerful beings that make and rule their own worlds.

<http://mit.irr.org/mormon-belief-doctrine-of-lds-church>

What important end-time truths has Satan attempted to discredit through the teachings of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young?

Spiritualism

- Spiritualists often see March 31, 1848, as the beginning of their movement.
- On March 31, Kate and Margaret Fox, of Hydesville, New York, reported that they had made contact with a spirit of a murdered peddler.
- The spirit was said to have communicated through rapping noises, audible to onlookers.
- The Fox sisters became a sensation.
- Prominent in the ranks of its adherents were those grieving the death of a loved one.
- During the time of the American Civil War, the new medium of photography was making the horrors and loss of war very real.
- The surge of spiritualism during this time was a direct response to these massive battlefield casualties.

Key ideas of Spiritualism Today

Spiritualists generally believe the following:

- Souls survive bodily death and live in a spirit world - Spiritualists say that every human soul survives the death of the body and enters a spirit-world that surrounds and interpenetrates the material world.
- These souls can communicate with the material world - Spiritualists say that communication is possible between the material world and the spirit-world under the right conditions - usually through a medium.
- Spirit beings are little changed from their earlier selves - Spiritualists say that those in the spirit-world are much the same as they were in the material world, although without any physical deficiencies.
- Spirit beings are interested in people in the material world - Spiritualists say that those in the spirit world are aware of and interested in the lives of those they have temporarily left behind in the material world.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/spiritualism/ataglance/glance.shtml>

What important end-time truths has Satan attempted to discredit through the medium of Spiritualism?

Christian Science

- Founded in the United States in 1879 by Mary Baker Edy
- Widely known for its highly controversial practice of spiritual healing
- In 1866 while reading about one of Jesus' healings in the New Testament, Eddy suddenly recovered from the effects of what may have been a severe accident.
- In 1875 Edy published *Science and Health*, the "textbook" for the study and practice of Christian Science.
- In the early 21st century the church claimed more than 1,700 congregations in 80 countries.

Core Beliefs of Christian Science

Belief in Deity

God is incorporeal Spirit--creative Principle, supreme, omnipotent Father-Mother, omnipresent, omniscient--the only intelligence and all that actually exists. God is Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love. "God is All-in-all."

Incarnations

We are all sons/daughters of God, though not at the level of understanding of Christ Jesus. Jesus was a divine Exemplar, and Christ is the divine idea of "sonship"--the Master. Jesus showed the way (the "wayshower") for all to realize Truth, which is God.

Origin of Universe and Life

The universe and humans are reflections of God's likeness and image, which is Spirit--without beginning or end. Illusions, or delusions, of a material world and material body result from error in thought and ignorance of the true and only nature of reality, which is spiritual. God is all that truly exists.

After Death

Death is the belief in death. There is no death as humans are immortal spirit. After that which we call "death," spiritual development toward Truth continues until all evil, or "error," destroys itself. Heaven and hell are not places, but states of consciousness that continue after death. "Heaven" is the self-made eternal bliss of realizing oneness with God. "Hell" is the self-made anguish of believing in pain and death.

Why Evil?

Evil is the belief in evil. God is all that is real and God is completely good; therefore, good is real and evil is an illusion/delusion. The only power evil has is to destroy itself; attempts to destroy good naturally result in punishment for the evildoer. Sin creates its own hell. Not realizing one's true nature as spirit results in selfishness, which can lead to error and disharmony.

Salvation

Salvation lies in bringing oneself into harmony with one's true nature as God's reflection, through good works, patience, meekness, love, watchfulness, prayerful gratitude, devout obedience in following Christ's example. There are two basic commandments: that one turn only to God, perfect Mind, for guidance--the Mind that was also in Christ; and that one "love thy neighbor as thyself." Healing and immortality are realized by becoming conscious that the only true reality is God, which is Love, and that one's true and only nature is in God's likeness. As one realizes the error of belief in the reality of suffering and evil, these images of thought impressed upon the mortal mind can be altered, thus banishing sickness, death, and sin--testimony to the power of faith in God, of Mind over matter.

Undeserved Suffering

Though appearing real, suffering (and illness) is a false belief or error of mortal thought. Suffering is overcome by asserting the truth of one's being as an idea of God. Often, a trained Christian Science practitioner is called to support the patient's thought through prayerfully "knowing the truth."

<http://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/2001/06/what-christian-scientists-believe.aspx>

What important end-time truths has Satan attempted to discredit through the teachings of Christian Science?
