

# God's Last Message 4 of 12

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I thank God for this wonderful book, it reveals the future. Notice that fourth verse that we were looking at in our last lesson:

“...These were redeemed from among men, being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb” Revelation 14:4.

Now, what is their privilege, what is their destiny? These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goes. Would you like to go on that space trip?

Who is the Lamb? Well, He is the King of kings, and Lord of lords. He's the One that made this universe—Jesus Christ. He's going to have somebody with Him as He goes from world to world and star to star and system to system. Who is it? Those redeemed ones from this world. These follow the Lamb whithersoever He goes.

I suggest friends that if we ever follow Him through the universe, we'll need to learn to follow Him here, what do you say? And in order that may be so, God has put a message in this book specifically for this hour, this last generation. Just before that great space trip is launched here is the message in these verses immediately following: three angel messengers with the message to prepare these people who go with Jesus through the universe.

Today men are spending millions of dollars to get everything ready to put the first man in space. Elaborate tests of all kinds have already been made to select the candidates. They're undergoing special training. I wonder if it is worth it. Well, they think so. But think of the chance they're taking. And only a very few, perhaps just one will get to take the initial trip. How far will they go? Not very far as we measure distances in the universe. Like a big grasshopper hop.

But oh, here is a trip past the moon, not just on to Mars and Mercury, but on past Arcturus, past the Pleiades, through Orion to the center of the universe, the very throne of God. Why, we see them here in this first verse:

“...I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand...” Revelation 14:1.

That trip will be successful. There'll be no failing rockets. No jets that get out of line, off the beam. Everything will be in order, for the God of order is the One that's

managing this trip. I repeat, what a wonderful thing it is that He thinks enough of us to send us this message to help us get ready. Let's study it, what do you say?

All right, now let's look at it again with the sixth verse:

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters”  
Revelation 14:6–7.

Let's notice the details of this wonderful message. Here is the message, mind you, that will do for this generation what Noah's message did for his generation. It's the way out of earth's imminent doom. It's the way through, the way of salvation, the way of deliverance.

In Noah's day, all who listened to that message and obeyed it were saved. All who ignored it or ridiculed it or turned from it and rejected it were lost. And as the days of Noah were, Jesus says, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Today God has a message. This is it—the last message—the message of mercy to a world that has lost its way; showing the way out, the way through.

Now, how does it start? Fear God and give glory to Him. You know today, in many minds man has eclipsed God. The creature is served rather than the Creator. The world has lost sight of God as He really is. And the things that men are looking at today, the great skyscrapers, these jumble jets, and all the wonderful inventions, tend to get the mind of man on to what man can do; to glorify man. After man has done all he can do, it is but a tiny splash compared to the great ocean of the wisdom and works of God. Nevertheless, we see what we look at, my friends.

And I want to say to you that if we are to recognize the truth of this message that we're reading here from God's Book, we will need to turn our eyes away from the works of man and onto the works of God. We shall need to fix our gaze upon what God has done and is doing rather than be so charmed and infatuated and entranced and intrigued, and occupied with the works of man—what man can do. Fear God and give glory to Him.

Today men are not only charmed with man and his works; there're millions who are in fear of man. The iron hand of oppression has gripped millions of people. Hundreds of millions are walking today in abject fear. In certain countries of the world, life is regimented on a scale unprecedented. And even here in America the fear of being out of the regular road, the fear of being different from the crowd can be just as great a tyranny as the fear of a bayonet or a bullet, can it?

Let me tell you, those who today follow the Lamb whithersoever He goes will have to be delivered from the fear of man, for we read:

“The fear of man brings a snare: but whoso puts his trust in the LORD shall be safe” Proverbs 29:25.

Back in Noah's day, doubtless, there were many who would like to have gone into that ark. They felt that Noah was probably correct, that God was speaking through His servant, the prophets. But what kept them out? The fear of man. Their friends would make fun of them if they went into the ark. Their families might not go along. So the fear of man kept them from obeying the voice of God.

Can it happen today? Oh, my friends, it is happening today. As we come face to face with the duties demanded by God in this message, I pray that none of us will allow the fear of man to keep us from walking in the way of God. We must face that issue. Fear God and give glory to Him.

Notice now, as the message proceeds: “for the hour of His judgment is come.” Here we are given here a special reason why we should fear God and give glory to Him. We are brought face to face with the hour of judgment.

You know, there is one thing that makes most any man, as we say, sit up and take notice, and that is when he's served a court summons, especially if it's dealing with something very serious.

I say to you, my dear friends, here is a summons from the supreme court of the universe. Here is a summons that deals with your eternal destiny. The hour of God's judgment is come. Not something in the far off future. Not something in the dim distance—but today, this hour, the hour of God's judgment is come.

Can it be? Are we face to face now with the judgment of God? With the testing of men's lives? Yes, it is even so. For when He comes in glory, those rewards or punishments which the judgment is to determine will have already been established.

Notice that clear statement in Revelation. Here we see a time when the decision, the decree is issued from that Supreme Court that the righteous remain righteous still, the wicked remain wicked still, and he says:

“...behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be” Revelation 22:12.

So when He comes, the rewards are with Him. Already determined, every case settled before He appears in glory.

Even now, then while we sit here and listen to this message, even now, the court is in session. Even now, the records are being investigated. Even now, the lives of men are being weighed in the balances of the Sanctuary. Even now your life, my life is being measured by the divine yardstick. Ah friends, what a solemn thought! What a soul challenging thought. The hour of his judgment is come.

Oh, that we may be measuring our lives by the same standard that God is measuring our lives by, what do you say? And that's His holy law. James 2:10–12 makes that clear. God's Ten Commandment law is the standard of judgment. I suggest that we measure our lives day by day by those ten precepts which reveal the will of God.

Now, hastening on to the next clause, in this wonderful message: "Fear God and give glory to him for the hour of his judgment is come, and worship Him that made Heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Worship him that made—that is the Creator. Now, why is it important to know that He made the universe? Why is it important to know that He made us? I suggest this morning dear friends that there are some fundamental reasons why we need to know beyond any question that He is the One that made the universe, and that He made us. I say, there are some fundamental reasons.

First, this is what established the value of man. How much are you worth? In some countries today, life is pretty cheap. Human dignity has been debased, and the body of man, the soul of man, is esteemed of little value.

But in the courts of Heaven it is not so. Man is of great value, of infinite value. Do you know why? Well, I'll tell you why. It lies in this very fact that we're studying here this morning, that God made us, and that He made us in His image. Go back to Genesis, that book of beginnings:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth"  
Genesis 1:1.

As we follow down through that first chapter, we see God, by His creative word, bringing this earth into existence, establishing order, arranging all the vegetation, the plant and animal life, and finally with a perfected world, a beautiful world, God announces His plan to set over this vast dominion a being worthy of rulership.

"And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth"  
Genesis 1:26.

There you have it. What is man, then? Man is not one more animal, no, no. Man is something different; far above every beast and bird. Man alone of all creation in this world is made in the image of his Creator.

When God took the clay and formed man as the story is given us in Genesis 2:7, He took inanimate matter and exalted it to the highest pinnacle when He made it into the form of man who is the image of God. What I mean is this, that iron, that lime, that phosphorous, that carbon, that hydrogen, that oxygen that entered into that man's body, indeed formed into the image of God, was placed as high on the scale of value in this world as it could be. Wasn't it?

Oh, what honor is bestowed upon the matter made into a man, when we see that that man is made in the image of God. What more could God do to exalt matter than that? And what more can God do to show how much He values man than to tell us that man is the reflection of His own image?

This is the basis of redemption. This is why God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that man might be redeemed. That word redeemed means to buyback. But I want to tell you something, if you lose something you bought at the dime store, you don't post a ransom of \$1,000 for its recovery. Oh, no.

And when we look at the cross of Calvary, we see how much Heaven values the man made in the Creator's image. Back of the cross looms creation. The cross, what this, did not establish the value of man. It revealed an evaluation that was already there in creation. It is because man was made in his Creator's image that God thought it worthwhile to hang upon a cross through hours of agony to pay the redemption debt, and what for? To restore man to that image. So the apostle tells us:

“...as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly” 1 Corinthians 15:49.

God is in the business of restoring in man that image that was given in creation, that was lost through sin, and that is to be recovered through the plan of redemption.

I want to ask you, friends, shall we join Him in that? Shall we work with Him to restore that image? That is the great goal of the Gospel, the great objective of the plan of salvation—to bring man back to that image, the image of God that he shall look like God, act like God, think like God, and love like God. That's the purpose. What a grand goal. What a glorious objective. And isn't it wonderful that you and I can join with Him in that?

But watch, all that is based upon the fact of His creation; that He is the Creator, and that He made us in His image. Do you see why this angel messenger for this last hour calls our attention specifically to the Creator? Worship Him that made Heaven and earth, the sea, and the fountains of waters. Worship the One that made all things, and that made you in His image.

There is another great reason why this is so important, and that is this: This fact, that God made all things and that He made us is the basis of all true worship. There can be no true worship of God without the knowledge of this fact, and the acknowledgment of this truth.

Let's turn to the Psalms, the 96<sup>th</sup> Psalm first of all, and notice how it sets forth the relationship between worship and this fact of God's making everything—the fact that He's the Creator:

“For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens” Psalm 96:4–5.

That's it. All the other God's that men worship from the days of old Baal on down to the present, all these gods are idols. But the Lord, the One we worship, what did He do? He made the heavens. He made all things. You see the relationship between this fact and our duty to worship Him. Again, the 95<sup>th</sup> Psalm:

“For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also. The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker” Psalm 95:3–6.

There you have it, friends. Why do we worship Him? He made all things. He is different from these things the heathen worship. He is the great God, the Creator, the One whose words speak into existence great worlds and shining suns. O come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Now let me ask you something: If you were the Devil, what would you do about it? Wouldn't you try to get men to forget their Maker? Wouldn't you try to lead men to forget that the God we worship is the One that made the heavens and the earth, and that made man in His image? Thus, man would lose two things of the greatest importance. One, a sense of the Creator's authority, and second, a sense of his own dignity and value as made in God's image.

So down through the ages, Satan has been seeking to do that very thing, to lead men to forget that our God made all things.

If you were God, what would you do about it? You'd want them to remember, wouldn't you? And right there is the issue in this last generation. Whether we're going to line up with Satan in forgetting, or whether we're going to line up with Jesus in remembering.

In our next lesson, I want to study with you what Satan has done to cause men to forget this fundamental truth, and God's wonderful plan to help us to remember.

Shall we bow our heads? Our Father, our Creator, oh, we thank Thee for Thy wonderful truth. We thank Thee for Thy love for man. That Thou hast taken this earth which Thou didst speak into existence with Thy creative Word, and Thou hast made man in Thine own image. Oh, we thank Thee from hearts filled with some appreciation of Thy great plan. We thank Thee for it this morning, and we choose to make Thee happy by letting Thee build back the image that sin marred, restore the likeness that lawbreaking took away.

Oh, as we stand at Calvary this morning, and see the life of the Son of God sacrificed to make possible the restoration of that Divine image, teach us to know something more of the infinite value that Heaven places upon man. Then Lord, take our little hands and join them with Thy great hand in that wonderful work of restoration, that we may share with Thee the fellowship of the future, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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