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Let us turn again to Revelation 14 and look at that wonderful company who are to go on these space trips through the universe with Jesus, the Creator, Redeemer, and Lamb of God. Revelation 14, we'll notice the 4<sup>th</sup> verse again, and then the 1<sup>st</sup> verse:

“These are they which follow the Lamb whither so ever He goes.  
These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits  
unto God and to the Lamb” Revelation 14:4.

Now notice in that first verse, standing with the Lamb on Mt. Sion, they are pictured as having the Father's name written in their foreheads. I'd like to have us think of that for a little while—the Father's name written in their foreheads.

You know in Bible times, names stood for character. Samuel was given that name because it means, “Asked of God.” You remember his mother in a special way besought the Lord for this son, so he was given the name Samuel, asked of God. Abram's name was changed to Abraham, meaning the father of a great multitude. God Himself gave him that new name. You remember Jacob was given a new name, Israel, which means a prince of God. So the name stands for character.

Now, if people from this world are to have the Father's name written in their foreheads, that suggests that God's character is to be reproduced in humanity. Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing to know people who act like God? Who talks like God? Who thinks like God? Well, that's the destiny you and I are called to. In fact, all who are ready to go with Jesus on this space trip will be just like Him.

“...we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him;  
for we shall see Him as He is” 1 John 3:2.

And really friends, anything less than that would be most unfortunate, because it would be too bad to get into disagreement a million miles from here, wouldn't it? Yes. How glad I am to know that all who are going on that trip will be in full harmony with the One who's conducting the trip. That will mean, of course, they are in full harmony with one another.

This character of God, this name of God, which is written in the foreheads of those who go with him; let's notice in 1 John that short, simple, sweet statement:

“He that loves not knows not God; for God is love” 1 John 4:8.

That's His name. That's His character. Oh, how wonderful it would be to live with human beings whose whole life was motivated by love and nothing but love. And that's the experience of these redeemed ones who meet the Savior at His coming and go with Him through the universe. And love, of course, means utter unselfishness, supreme self-sacrifice.

“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...”  
John 3:16.

So it's written:

“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren”  
1 John 3:16.

So the same love that in Christ found expression in giving all He had for us will in our hearts and lives find expression in laying down everything that others too may share the wonderful love of God. I'm so glad for that, aren't you?

God's character, God's love, finds expression in His will for us, His law. Notice:

“I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart” Psalm 40:8.

God's will, God's law—the two are the same.

In Hebrews, the New Testament applies this statement to Jesus Christ. It was in His heart that the law was written. It was in His heart that perfect delight was found in doing the will of God. So it is Jesus who is speaking according to Hebrew 10, in this 40<sup>th</sup> Psalm and the 8<sup>th</sup> verse. Oh let us listen, as we hear Christ saying to His Father:

“... Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of Me,) to do Thy will, O God” Hebrews 10:7.

No wonder He could say He has kept His Father's commandments. The reason He kept the Father's commandments is because the law was written in His heart. He knew what God wished. He loved to do it. So His perfect life was the perfect outworking of that perfect law, written perfectly in His heart.

The good news is this, friend, that in this same chapter of Hebrews we find the new covenant promise to write that same law in our hearts:

“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their

minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more” Hebrews 10:16–17.

Thank God, He wants to blot out all the sins of the past. But in order that that may be possible, there must be written into our very minds and hearts, into the very brain cells of our being, there must be written this holy law. And when that is written in our hearts, like Jesus, we shall delight to do the Father's will.

“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous” 1 John 5:3.

...They're not heavy. How does the law look to you? Well, that all depends on whether you're converted or unconverted. Paul tells us that:

“...the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be” Romans 8:7.

But as we have just read, when a person is born again, when the love of God is in his soul, then this law is written in his heart, and he delights to do the very thing that before looked impossible to him.

Isn't it a wonderful thing that God can change our minds so that we love things we used to hate and hate things we used to love? Love is the basis of this whole matter of obedience, dear friends. It was with Jesus. It will be with those who go with Him. So Jesus says:

“If ye love me, keep my commandments” John 14:15.

May I say very frankly, there is little use in trying to keep the commandments without the love of Jesus. It won't work. It's impossible. Love is the fulfilling of the law, as Paul tells us. And that doesn't mean as some try to twist it, that love is a substitute for obedience. Oh, no. Love is not something instead of obedience. Love is the fulfilling of the law—no an alibi for not fulfilling it. Love is doing what God says, not some kind of an offering to present to Him instead of obedience. Oh, no. Love is what enables us to keep the law. Love delights to obey God. “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

Now, turning back to Revelation 14, we see these people in whose hearts God's law is written, in whose foreheads God's name, God's character appears. We see them described again in Revelation 14:12 here at the close of this great threefold message. They stand fully developed and ready for the coming of the King, which is presented in the 14<sup>th</sup> verse. Watch now the 12<sup>th</sup> verse:

“Here is the patience of the saints...”

That word means, Holy ones, God's holy ones, His children in this world.

“...here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” Revelation 14:12.

What do they keep? They keep the commandments of God; they keep the faith of Jesus. If they didn't have the faith of Jesus they couldn't keep the commandments of God. But if we have the faith of Jesus, we will keep the commandments of God, for He says,

“...I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love” John 15:10.

If we abide in His love, we will keep His commandments too—every one of them. We will love them with all our hearts.

Turning to Hebrews, I want you to notice that there is something that goes along with this great love for right doing. It is a hatred for lawbreaking.

“Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows” Hebrews 1:9.

Notice that there is gladness, joy, and loving righteousness, but with that loving righteousness goes a hatred for what? Iniquity. These verses are speaking of Jesus. The eighth verse shows:

“...unto the Son He says, Thy throne O' God is forever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is a scepter of thy kingdom, Thou has loved righteousness, and hated iniquity” Hebrews 1:8.

In the heart of Jesus there was not only supreme love for His Father, there was an intense, burning hatred against every form of lawbreaking. And if the love of Jesus is in our hearts, my friends, that same hatred against sin in all its forms, that same opposition to lawbreaking will be seen.

Oh friends, is that the way sin makes you feel? Today men are laughing at sin. They're smiling at perversion and distortion and deviation from God's ways. They're getting their fun out of seeing people break the laws of God and man.

I want you to turn over to Ezekiel 9, and I want you to get a view of these that have the Father's name written in their foreheads. In this ninth chapter of Ezekiel, we're given a view of our time prophetically. The prophet sees six men with slaughter weapons about to bring a great reign of vengeance and destruction upon the earth. But before that universal slaughter, some survivors are to be marked in advance. A man with a writer's inkhorn is told by God to:

“...Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others He said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity, slay utterly old and young...” Ezekiel 9:4–6.

Now I can only mention this morning friends that between us and the coming kingdom, in the very near future, there is coming a time of universal war and strife and bloodshed. Atomic scientists have been warning us that it's just two minutes until midnight. Those who know something of the forces of wrath know that when those are unleashed, this world will be a vast battlefield.

But there are some people who are going to be protected, hidden, because it says here:

“...come not near any man upon whom is the mark...” Ezekiel 9:6.

Now, who is it that gets this mark of deliverance, this mark of protection? It is those who are heart to heart with Christ in His love for righteousness and His hatred for lawbreaking. They're characterized. What are they doing in the midst of prevailing iniquity? Are they joining in the fun and frolic over sin and selfishness? Oh, no, my friends. Go through the midst of the city and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

I ask you this morning, my friend, how does sin make you feel? Does it make you feel like you wish you could get in on the gravy too? Does it make you wish that you had the money to go out and break the laws of God and man? Or does sin appear to you repulsive, abhorrent? Does sin make you laugh, or does it make you cry? Does it make you envious, or does it make you sad? Set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and cry for the abominations that be done. This is the test.

Now, I want to look some more at this mark, this seal that's put into the forehead, this sign that will especially distinguish those in this last generation who are separated from the slaughter and marked for eternity for the kingdom of God.

Let's turn to Revelation 7. Here we see the forces of wrath represented by great winds of destruction, held back by four angels standing at the four corners of the earth. And then in the second verse:

“...another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads” Revelation 7:2–3.

There we have it again, these same ones in Revelation 14 are pictured with the Father's name in their forehead, these in Ezekiel 9 who are pictured with that mark in the forehead here we see them with the seal of the living God in their foreheads. You know, it's an interesting thing from the standpoint of anatomy and physiology—it's here in the forehead that the highest centers of thought, reason, consciousness, judgment, and dedication are found. That's an anatomical fact.

So here we see the seal of God being placed in the forehead. And this is so important that heaven is holding back these forces of wrath. Do you wonder why again and again we come to the brink of universal war, and something seems to delay it? This is the reason. Here we look behind the scenes, behind all the diplomacy of statesmen, behind all the thinking and scheming of human beings, backed by demons who would be glad to thrust us this morning into universal war. Ah, we see God working out His wonderful purpose, and He says, "Hold, wait!" Delay that storm of wrath. What for? Until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.

What is this seal, this mark, which will distinguish the children of God in this closing time? Turn to Isaiah 8. This seal is found where we ought to expect it—the royal seal in connection with the royal law.

“Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my Disciples...”  
Isaiah 8:16.

And the next verse shows that at this time, the children of God will be looking for Him—waiting for His appearing.

So in this time, when God's children are looking for His return, there comes a message: put the seal to the law among My disciples. Apparently, there has been some tampering with that seal. God's call is to put it back in the law.

Do you know what that seal is? I'll tell you this friend, God's seal, like any seal, shows the authority of the lawgiver. That's what it's for—to show the authority of the lawgiver. That seal affixed to the law shows by whose authority that law is given. And that seal placed in your mind and heart, your forehead shows that you accept and acknowledge that authority, and yield to it joyfully.

Now, what is the basis of God's authority? Ah, we were studying it in our last lesson.

“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things...” Revelation 4:11.

Again and again in the Scriptures, the fact that God made all things is set forth as the reason why we should worship Him. You remember Psalm 95:

“O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker” Psalm 95:6.

Because He made all things, we should worship Him. This is the basis of His authority. This is the reason why He has the right to issue a royal law, and why you and I have the duty to obey Him.

So in the law, we should find clearly presented that mark of His creative power, that seal which showed He made the heavens and the earth.

This morning, you and I know what that is and where it is; for in our last lesson we read in the Fourth Commandment:

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work...”

Why?

“...For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it”  
Exodus 20:8–11.

Ah, yes, here we have it, here is the basis of His authority. Here is the foundation of His law. Here it is the fact that He made the heavens and the earth in six days and rested the seventh as a sign of that creation. And now in the very heart of His law He puts that Sabbath seal.

When that law is written in your heart and mine, the Sabbath seal will be there to give it authority. In the very heart of the law, He has put that Sabbath. In our very heart of hearts, that Sabbath will be written if we will let the finger of God write upon the fleshly tablets of our hearts as He wrote upon the tables of stone.

Are you letting Him write that law there, friend? Listen, notice what he says this Sabbath stands for:

“And hallow My Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God”  
Ezekiel 20:20.

Oh yes, the Sabbath is God's seal, God's sign, God's mark. You know in wartime, the flag stands for loyalty. In wartime, we rally around the flag in token of our allegiance to our country. Does it make any difference which flag we fly? Oh yes, it makes all the difference in the world. Men might argue that after all, flags are made

more or less of the same material. It could be they're even made of similar colors. But there is one flag that stands for loyalty to our country, and that's the stars and stripes. And it makes a great deal of difference in wartime whether we cling to the breeze of that particular flag or whether it's the flag of the enemy.

So in this closing conflict, the last battle in the age-long war between Christ and Satan, between righteousness and iniquity, there's a flag that is being flung out to the breeze, my friends—God's flag. And He says if we accept that sign of allegiance and loyalty to Him, we shall know that He is our God and we are His people.

This morning, let us ask Jesus, the One who made this world, the One who gave His life upon the cross, the One who's coming soon to take us home, let us ask Him to write that law with the Sabbath seal in our hearts, and thus mark us as peculiarly His. Shall we do that?

Let us bow our heads. Our Lord and Savior, our Creator and King, we thank Thee for Thy holy law, the expression of Thy love. We thank Thy for Thy Sabbath seal, the sign of Thy creative power.

We ask Thee this morning to write that holy law of love in our hearts. And oh, our Father, be sure that Sabbath seal is written there in letters of love and loyalty, that we may share with Thee Thy love for all things right and Thy hatred for all things crooked and wrong, we ask it in Jesus' name, amen.

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