

# Survival (1973 AZ Camp Meeting) 3 of 14

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Revelation 6:12–17. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> study on survival. The 12<sup>th</sup> verse begins with the Lisbon earthquake in 1755. But these verses that we shall read reach on down to our time into the future. As you read, see where we are in this sequence of events.

“...I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casts her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” Revelation 6:12–17.

Who will survive, in other words? Who will live through that glorious appearing of the Son of God?

Isn't it too bad friends that when Jesus for 6,000 years has been pouring out His life, and all Heaven has been enlisted in the work of saving men; that when Christ finally comes to get His redeemed so few will be ready to meet Him, so many will be praying for the rocks and mountains to cover them. Isn't that too bad?

But thank God, there're going to be some who will give the answer to this question, “Who will be able to stand?” They are pictured in Revelation 7 immediately following. The sealing of the 144,000 is brought to view here, and this special group, the sealed ones, will stand through the time of trouble and be ready to welcome the Savior at His appearing. They are the survivors. They stand when all the world goes down. They live with everlasting burnings. They endure that glorious appearing without being consumed. They are the survivors. We want to study that sealing of the 144,000 more fully another time.

Turn back now to Isaiah 25:9, and I want you to hear what they sing as they see Jesus coming. At the very time that these multitudes of earth, these armies of earth, who have been in battle against the remnant, the very time that they are

wailing, crying for the mountains to cover them, there are songs ascending from all over this world from the remnant church. Listen as they sing:

“And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation” Isaiah 25:9.

Isn't that a wonderful anthem? Oh, how sweet it will sound in the ears of Jesus as He comes seated on that beautiful cloud. And He sees this little group here, that one over there, this one yonder; and from all of them that glad cry of welcome: This is the Lord, we have waited for Him.

Tonight I want to study with you especially that expression “This is the Lord, we have waited for Him.” I think it will mean more to us tonight perhaps than ever before, as we enter deep, deeper into study.

You remember in Revelation 14:12 that the remnant church is spoken of especially as being what kind of people? A patient people. “Here is the patience of the saints.” The long waiting for the coming of Jesus, both calls for and develops patience.

Now tonight, we're going to see some very important reasons why patience, or waiting for the coming of Jesus is so necessary in this time; if we are to be among the survivors.

First, I want to study with you what Satan is going to try to do to counterfeit the coming of Jesus. Let's turn to Matthew 24. This is one of the great chapters in the Bible for survival training, those who wish to survive. You remember that during that last week that Jesus was on earth, one day He was seated on the Mount of Olives. A few of His closest disciples came to Him and asked Him a question:

“...what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?” Matthew 24:3.

It is significant that Christ first words were:

“...Take heed that no man deceive you” Matthew 24:4.

Is it possible to be deceived about the second coming of Christ? Apparently, this was uppermost in Christ's mind. “Take heed that no man deceive you.” Then in the next verse, He said why:

“For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many” Matthew 24:5.

Now down through the ages since our Lord was here the first time, people have arisen from time to time claiming to be Jesus. The Bible has foretold His second coming, but my friends, most of these have been rather crude frauds. But in the closing hour of human history, we are to witness the supreme endeavor of the

Devil to get people to accept someone other than Jesus as the returning Lord. And he is going to undertake that job himself.

Now here in Matthew 24, Christ warns us specifically of this attempt:

“Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not” Matthew 24:23.

Somebody then is going to come and say, "Why, Jesus has come. He's over there!" Or Christ is come He's yonder. I don't doubt that the television men will be out there taking his picture. I don't doubt that it will be flashed all over the world, bounding back from that tele-star out there in space. Doubtless millions, perhaps billions of people will see him. And the word will ring around this globe, "Christ has come."

It will be no crude affair. When Satan appears as Christ, he's going to come looking like people expect Jesus to come. He is going to appear to meet the specifications of the appearance of Jesus in the first chapter of Revelation—glorious. His voice will be beautiful, full of melody. He's going to heal the sick. He's going to do other wonderful works. As he goes from place to place, the multitudes enthusiastically will bow before him, prostrate themselves before him. And every religion in this world, every church in this world, except the little remnant, will say, "Christ has come."

This being who claims to be Jesus will say that he has changed the Sabbath from the seventh day to the first day. He will command all to hallow the day he has blessed. He will point out that the little group who refuse to come into line with his commands, and with the laws of the state (for by this time, the mark of the beast will be enforced) are worthy of death. Thus those who cling in simple faith to obedience to the commandments of God will indeed be ostracized.

Read the description of what I have just present briefly in *Great Controversy*, pages 624–625. Notice every line, I shall not try to read it all tonight, but oh my dear friends, there is something here that we must ponder over, and read again and again. This one sentence after the description:

“Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures and who have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive” *Great Controversy*, page 625.

There is something here that science will not be able to detect. Those who have trusted science will say, "Here are miracles indeed." Yet if you were to go down the street and knock at one door after the other and find Christian people who claim to believe the Bible, 9 out of 10 will probably tell you that miracle, great miracles, mighty miracles such as the healing of the sick and other signs, are indeed evidence of the power of God.

But now I want you to notice in the book of Revelation, some very clear statements. However, before we leave this Matthew 24, notice we read the 23<sup>rd</sup> verse; notice the 24<sup>th</sup> verse Christ says:

“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets,  
and shall show great signs and wonders...”  
Matthew 24:24.

Who’s going to work these signs and wonders? False Christs and false prophets. Doubtless, there will be some lesser manifestations before this great antichrist appears that I have described; for Christ speaks of it here in the plural—false Christs, and false prophets. But all of them are going to show what? Great signs and wonders. This proves they’re true, doesn’t it? Oh, no. But they will deceive, and they would deceive if it were possible who? The very elect. Do you know who the elect are? They are the survivors. They’re the only survivors. You and I should hasten our preparation to make our calling and our election sure. These are the sealed ones, friends. All the Devil’s deceptions can’t shake them; God help us be among the number, what do you say?

Now turn over to the Book of Revelation 16:14. Here we have another clear prediction of the miracles that are to be worked down here in this closing moment of human history to fasten the multitudes in this terrible deception.

“...they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which  
go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole  
world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of  
God Almighty” Revelation 16:14.

Miracle working demons are going to gather the nations of earth in this terrible deception. Now, do you see friends, new force in that song of the remnant as they welcome Jesus’ coming in the clouds?

“...Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him...” This is the Lord we have waited for Him. They have waited through the time when all the world around them has accepted a false Christ. They have turned down the antichrist who has come in the guise of Christ with the words of Jesus, with the miracle-working power that He manifested—The healing of the sick and all. They have said, No, this is not Christ. This is the Devil. This is not our Lord. This is the prince of this world, a rebel against the government of God. And it will be against the evidence of our senses. He’ll look like Jesus. He’ll talk like Him. He’ll act like Him. He’ll work miracles like Him.

Tell me, if you were sick and you saw people all around you being healed by this being, what would you do? It’s going to be a wonderful thing to have a simple faith in the Bible that will enable us to wait right through that, and pay no attention to it. Like Eve at the tree, those who linger and look will be deceived. We need to be so subtle that we’ll have no interest.

Would you go to hear the Devil speak? Well then, why go hear his agents? We need to school ourselves in closing our eyes and ears to the seductive, deceiving work of the Devil. Only those who have been diligent students of the

Scriptures, and who have received the love of the truth, will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. Thank God, there're going to be some that wait right through it and say, "This is not our Jesus, this is not our Lord. We're waiting for the real One. He's coming in power and glory in the clouds of Heaven surrounded by the myriads of the angel hosts, as the lightning comes out of the east and shines even unto the west. We're waiting for that glorious appearing, not some being walking around on this earth claiming to be Jesus." Do you see friends? Oh, God help us to dig deep into the Word. This is the Lord, we have waited for Him.

I want to study another experience that you and I must wait through. You remember that in our studies last weekend, we called attention to Joel's prophecy of the Latter Rain coming in mighty power in this closing hour. The Latter Rain comes shortly before the close of probation at the beginning of that short time of trouble, what for? To give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and to prepare the saints to stand during the pouring out of the plagues. This mighty outpouring of the Spirit will result in miracles being worked by the people of God. The sick will be healed, and other mighty miracles worked. You're familiar with that.

Now watch this point. Just as the Devil will attempt at little later to counterfeit the coming of Jesus by appearing as Christ, so he will attempt to counterfeit the Latter Rain by a false outpouring of the spirit. I want to read that in *Great Controversy*; then we're going to read some things that parallel it from the Bible.

"Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth..."

That's before the plagues are poured out.

"...there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children..."

This is the Latter Rain, the Loud Cry. Now notice what the results are going to be.

"...at that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word..."

This is all the fallen churches that constitute Babylon.

"...Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming" *Great Controversy*, page 464.

Brethren, isn't that a wonderful thought? That out here in all these other churches are some that God has His hand on, and in the crisis hour, as the Spirit of

God is poured out upon the remnant church, there're going to leave those fallen bodies and come and join with us even under persecution. Won't it be wonderful? And notice, it says that some of them are ministers: "Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming."

Now, what's the Devil going to do about it? Watch, listen:

"The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit..."

What's the counterfeit? listen carefully

"...In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God's special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world"  
*Ibid.*

Before the true latter rain comes, the false latter rain comes. Before the true loud cry comes, there is to come a great religious revival sweeping over this world in the name of Christ, gathering in the multitudes into a form of godliness without obedience to the law of God.

What will you do about it? I hope you'll wait through it just like you, and I must wait through that appearance of the false Christ. But I want to tell you something, it's going to be harder, in a way, to wait through this than it is the other one. Any member of the remnant church ought to know that when some being walks around on the earth with his feet on the soil that he's not the Jesus we're looking for; because the Bible says He's going to appear in the clouds of Heaven, and we're going to meet Him in the air, not down here on this earth. Isn't that what Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18?

But here is something coming before that, coming before this latter rain experience, and how people who are longing for power will flock to this mighty outpouring of power. Do you know that there are members of the remnant church right now that they are willing to go out to other religious bodies and get a power, and they want to come and bring it back into the remnant church? Brethren, be afraid of that. I'm afraid of it. You know, the Holy Spirit that I want it comes from the Most Holy Place. It comes from the sanctuary above. It does not originate in any of these holiness or Pentecostal movements. I speak clear and right to the point, lest I be misunderstood. Oh, brethren, we're going to see some of the mightiest miracles that this world has ever seen work in the name of Christianity.

You say, Brother Frazee, you're talking about spiritualism, aren't you? Yes, I'm talking about spiritualism, but I want to tell you something, all the spiritualism is

not going to be people coming to you and knocking at the door and saying, I'm your dead mother or your dead father—no, no. Satan has many disguises.

Now let's read a few verses. Turn to 2 Thessalonians 2:

“And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders...” 2 Thessalonians 2:8–9.

In other words, God is going to give people what they want. Satan is going to work with what? All power. How much power? All power. Do you know the Devil has never been turned loose fully? But he's going to work with all power and signs, that means miracles and lying wonders.

“...And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them...”

That is, He will allow to come to them what?

"...strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" 2 Thessalonians 2:10–12.

I want to notice what some of these signs and miracles are going to be. We're quite well acquainted with the fact that the dead are going to appear, or rather the spirits are going to appear as the dead. We're going to be tested on that. But there is another way Satan is going to work.

“We need not be deceived. Wonderful scenes, with which Satan will be closely connected, will soon take place. God's Word declares that Satan will work miracles. He will make people sick...”

Who will? Satan, and he's doing that all the time; but now watch.

“...and then will suddenly remove from them his satanic power. They will then be regarded as healed. These works of apparent healing will bring Seventh-day Adventists to the test” *Selected Messages*, Book 2, page 53.

It isn't only by the appearance of the so-called spirits of the dead that we're to be tested; it's by these miracles of healing. And all that I'm reading about is not future, my friends. These faith healers are attracting audiences in great tents and audiences over the radio and over the television by the thousands. They're gathering a harvest of money and a harvest of people being deceived. I wonder, would you be tempted to go and be healed by one of these faith healers?

"Ah" but someone says, "They do it in the name of Jesus." Oh, yes; turn please to Matthew 7. These works of apparent healing, I read here will bring Seventh-day Adventists to the test.

"Many who have had great light will fail to walk in the light, because they have not become one with Christ" *Ibid*.

Matthew the seventh chapter, here is Jesus is holding out the warning sign again:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in..."

What?

"...sheep's clothing..." Matthew 7:15.

"Not everyone that says unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven..."

Where is the will of God revealed? in His law

"...Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you..." Matthew 7: 21-23.

He never knew them? Not once. Then where did they get the power to do this? From Satan. But watch, they did it all in Jesus' name. How are you going to tell the difference? Ah, we're going to, as we read about the other deception, we're going to have to be diligent students of the Bible; we're going to have to love the truth more than we want any physical comfort. Each of us is going to have to come to the place where we would rather be sick and die in the Lord than be healed by the Devil. There are many miracles that God is going to work during the Loud Cry for people who will wait through this counterfeit loud cry. It's going to take some faith to do it.

Now, I want to bring you something that's happened very recently. This is in the News Week of July 1, 1968. Here is a picture of the late Pope John and Sister Catarina, who has been healed by the dead Pope. This has happened over in the Naples hospital. I'll not read it all here, but just a few selected facts:

"This nun was lying helpless in a Naples hospital dying of cancer. Surgeons had carved away most of her stomach in a last ditch effort to save her. But her condition continued to fail, so she received the last rights and resigned herself to death.



“The hospital sisters took up earnest prayer for her, and they prayed especially to Pope John XXIII...”

The dead Pope you understand.

“...And after a number of days and nights of this earnest prayer: One afternoon about 2:30 pm, the attending nun cleaned Caterina’s incision, changed the surgical dressing on a festering fistula, and hurried to the hospital chapel to join the other nuns in their prayers to the Pope.

Now notice, she’d actually had surgery, there was a wound there, a fistula, a dressing on it

“Ten minutes later the Pope appeared to the nun. She said, ‘I was alone. Suddenly I felt a hand placed on my stomach. Next to my bed was Pope John. I fixed my eyes on his face which was so kind and smiling.

“‘He said to me, now don’t be afraid. Everything is over. You are well. Ring the bell and call the sisters from the chapel. You have no fever. You will eat normally. The wound is closed. Have the doctor come. Have him write his testimony. Have x-rays taken, because one day they will be useful.’”

And they were. The doctor did come. The x-rays were taken. The fistula was gone. That nurse got up out of that bed and went to eat. She’s alive today, and here is her picture. She looks as well as any of you do.

My friends, we are in a marvelous and wonderful hour. Prophecy is being fulfilled before our eyes, and greater marvels are just ahead. What will you do? Will you wait through these, or will you be led astray? Will you listen to this kind of thing and think, “Well, I wonder?” If you do, the angel says to you, “Wherefore do you marvel?” I’ll show you the mystery. It’s the mystery of iniquity. Romanism and spiritualism and false Protestantism are before our eyes joining hands and getting ready for the closing crisis.

Oh, let us join hands with the angels of God, with Jesus our Savior in the sanctuary, and get ready. What do you say?

And thus, when the Savior comes, we can look into His face and say, “We’ve waited through that false, marvelous time, and waited ‘til the true latter rain came. And then we waited through that appearance of the false Christ, and now we see the real Christ, the true Christ coming.” Blessed are they that wait for Him.

Announcement on the next night’s meeting.

Heavenly Father, what a stirring hour; what a dangerous hour; but oh, we thank Thee for Thy promise:

“Because thou has kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth”  
Revelation 3:10.

May the blessed ministry of Jesus, as He sprinkles the blood in the Most Holy Place be effective in our lives. May we hate sin so much that we wouldn't go near it to receive any material blessing. May we love Thee so much that we will press close to Thy bleeding side, even though we bleed with Thee. We ask it in Jesus' name, amen.

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