

Three Angels' Message Sermon Series
 Lesson 2: **First Angel's Message**
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Prophecy news

The coming food catastrophe

War is tipping a fragile world towards mass hunger. Fixing that is everyone's business

The Economist, May 18, 2022 - <https://www.economist.com/leaders/2022/05/19/the-coming-food-catastrophe>

The war is [battering a global food system](#) weakened by [covid-19](#), [climate change](#) and an [energy shock](#). Ukraine's exports of grain and oilseeds have mostly stopped and Russia's are threatened. Together, the two countries supply 12% of traded calories. Wheat prices, up 53% since the start of the year, jumped a further 6% on May 16th, after India said it would suspend exports because of an alarming heatwave.

The Global Food Crisis is Too Significant to Be a Coincidence

Andy Roman, May 19, 2022, Advent Messenger (<http://adventmessenger.org/the-global-food-crisis-is-too-significant-to-be-a-coincidence/>)

"Modern industrial farming techniques can feed hundreds of millions of people in our cities. If these techniques were altered, people would starve. A dreadful plan exists to completely change our food production, distribution, and consumption, and the push for the government to decide who can and cannot eat is even more terrifying. Starvation will be used as a political weapon during the mark of the beast crisis."

Apocalypse now? The alarming effects of the global food crisis

Simon Tinsdall, May 21, 2022, The Observer -

(<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/may/21/apocalypse-now-the-alarming-effects-of-the-global-food-crisis>)

The World Food Programme estimates about 49 million people face emergency levels of hunger. About 811 million go to bed hungry each night. The [number of people](#) on the brink of starvation across Africa's Sahel region, for example, is at least 10 times higher than in pre-Covid 2019.

What is the main message of the first angel?

Revelation 14:7

7 Saying with a **loud voice (sense of urgency!)**, **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.

The first angel reveals the standard of God's true church and true worship.

What are the four parts of the first angel's message?

1. **Fear God** - **To Fear God** is to reverence God with love and obedience by keeping ALL His commandments and hating evil.
2. **Give Glory to God** – Reflect the character of God in what we eat, drink and ALL that we do. (1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.)
3. **Hour of His Judgment is COME** - Judgment (krisis) (kree'-sis)
(Subjectively or objectively, for or against); by extension a tribunal; by implication justice (specifically divine law): - accusation, condemnation, damnation, judgment

Paul in Acts 24:25 taught about the “judgment to come”, but Revelation reveals that we are living in the judgment.

What are the three phases of judgment?

- 1) Investigative (since 1844, review 2300 prophecy study #14 “Investigative Judgment” Daniel 8:14)
- 2) Sentencing (determining the amount of punishment they receive) (future)
- 3) Executive (punishment) – destruction of the wicked with hell fire (future)

2 Corinthians 5:10

10 For we must **all** appear before the **judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

Jude 1:14

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,
15 To **execute judgment** upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

How should we stand in the time of Judgment?

1 John 4:17

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness (assurance / confidence) in the **day of judgment**: because as he is, so are we in this world.

Why did the people of God in Jeremiah's day ignore their time of judgment and God's coming punishment?

Jeremiah 8:5 - 7

- 5 Why *then* is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? **they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.**
- 6 I hearkened and heard, *but* they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, **What have I done?** every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.
- 7 Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people **know not the judgment of the LORD.**

They ignored the truth of the judgment because they believed a LIE. They continued to live in deception because they continued to live in sin.

We are living in a CRUCIAL and DECISIVE POINT NOW!!! What are you going to do?

(Let's now look at the fourth point of the first angel's message...)

4. **Worship God** – who? The Creator of heaven, earth, and the sea.

What is worship?

Worship (Greek) – *proskuneō* [*pros-koo-neh'-o*] : meaning to *kiss*, like a dog *licking* his master's hand; to *fawn* or *crouch to*, that is, (literally or figuratively) *prostrate* oneself in homage (*do reverence to, adore*): - worship.

Fawn: 1. To exhibit affection or attempt to please, as a dog does by wagging its tail.
(freedictionary.com)

What is the foundational message of the first angel's message?

The foundation of the first angels message in Revelation 14:7 is who do you worship? This will be the final test. **Where are your affections and loyalty? Do you truly worship God based on Bible truth? Or is your worship based on man's thoughts and traditions?**

Whose hand are you kissing? You can only have one master.

1 Corinthians 10:21

21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

Matthew 6:24

24 **No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

What does the first angel's messages reveal about worship?

You cannot truly worship God without fearing God and giving him glory... Total obedience and adoration to the Creator God.

What is true worship?

Ecclesiastes 12:13

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.**

John 14:15

15 **If ye love me, keep my commandments.**

John 15:10

10 **If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.**

1 John 2:3 - 5

3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we **keep his commandments.**

4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

1 John 5:2, 3

- 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.
- 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Revelation 22:14

14 Blessed are they that **do his commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

There is NO true worship if there is NO obedience to ALL of God's commandments through the power of Jesus Christ.

The Ten Commandments and the first angel's message refer to the Creator as the One that "made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters". Which commandment has the seal of the Creator God, the one who we MUST worship in Spirit and in Truth?

3 Elements of a legal seal 1. Name 2. Title 3. Territory

4th Commandment:**Exodus 20:8-11**

- 8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
- 10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:
- 11 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.

- **The fourth commandment reveals the seal of God. It reveals his Title: Lord (Jehovah/self existent one), His position (Creator) and His jurisdiction (heaven, earth, sea and all)**
- **The first angel's message reveals who we are to obey God the creator.**
- **If we are obedient to God's fourth commandments in spirit and in truth along with the other nine we will not be diverted from the true worship of God!**
- **The 4th Commandment is ALL about who you worship the Creator God or Not....**

Why did God give us His Holy Sabbath Rest?**Ezekiel 20:12**

12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I *am* the LORD that sanctify them.

Ezekiel 20:20

20 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.

Sign (Hebrew) = Monument or evidence

The keeping of the Seventh-day Sabbath reveals who you truly worship, the traditions of man or God. It is a weekly commemoration of God's creation and saving power. It is also an everlasting sign between you and God.

What is the meaning of the second angel's message? To be continued...

Fulfillment of Bible Prophecy Revelation 13:11: USA Government the Beast with two lamb-like horns continues to merge church and state

"When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result." Ellen White, Great Controversy, p. 445

"In the movements now in progress in the United States to secure for the institutions and usages of the church the support of the state, Protestants are following in the steps of papists. Nay, more, they are opening the door for the papacy to regain in Protestant America the supremacy which she has lost in the Old World. And that which gives greater significance to this movement is the fact that the principal object contemplated is the enforcement of Sunday observance--a custom which originated with Rome, and which she claims as the sign of her authority." *ibid* p. 573

Get ready, get ready, and be ready!

Prophecy is rapidly fulfilling right before our eyes!