

Making Friends for God:

Lesson #12 — A Message Worth Sharing

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Memory Verse

Revelation 14:6–7 (NKJV) *Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”*

Peter’s Present-Truth Message

2 Peter 1:12 (NKJV) *For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.*

Amos 3:7 (NKJV) *Surely the Lord God does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.*

2 Peter 1:16–21 (NKJV) *For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

Revelation 1:1 (NKJV) *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John,*

Revelation 1:4–6 (NKJV) *John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, ⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.*

Revelation’s End-Time Focus

The climax in each chapter of Rev is the coming & kingship of Jesus. **Revelation 1:7** (NKJV) *Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.*

Seven Churches

Revelation 3:20 (NKJV) *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.*

Seven Seals

Revelation 7:15–17 (NKJV) *Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. ¹⁶ They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”*

Seven Trumpets

Revelation 11:15 (NKJV) *Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”*

War Against The Saints

Revelation 14:14 (NKJV) *Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.*

Fall Of Babylon

Revelation 19:11 (NKJV) *Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.*

Then Millennium

Revelation 22:7 (NKJV) *“Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”*

Revelation’s End-Time Message

What symbolism is used Rev 14:14-20 to portray the return of our Lord? **Revelation 14:15–16** (NKJV) *And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” ¹⁶ So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.*

Luke 10:2 (NKJV) *Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.*

Matthew 13:37–42 (NKJV) *He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. ³⁹ The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. ⁴⁰ Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, ⁴² and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

Mark 4:26–29 (NKJV) *And He said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. ²⁸ For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”*

“In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light-bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the Word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import — the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention”. — *Evangelism*, pp. 119, 120.

Understanding God’s Message More Fully

“Fear God and give glory to Him.”

Fearing God - How do we fear God and give God the glory?

Ecclesiastes 12:13 says, *“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man”.*

Psalms 103:17–18 (NKJV) *But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children’s children, ¹⁸ To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His commandments to do them.*

Proverbs 9:10 *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*

- The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else. - Oswald Chambers
- **Job 23:15** *Therefore I am terrified at His presence; When I consider this, I am afraid of Him.* He who always fears death cannot enjoy life.
- **Phil 2:12...** *work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*
- Fear is tax that conscience pays to guilt. - George Sewell (D. 1726). Jesus came to ... *release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.* **Hebrews 2:15**

Glory In Heaven Now

1 Chronicles 16:28–30 (NKJV) *Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples, Give to the Lord glory and strength. Give to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.*

Isaiah 42:8 (NKJV) *I am the Lord, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images. **Isaiah 6***

Revelation 1:6... *to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Revelation 7:11, 12 *All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: “Amen! Blessing and **glory** and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.” **Glory! glory! glory** When EGW went into vision,*

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV) *Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

God’s Final Appeal

“God has called His church in this day, as He called ancient Israel, to stand as a light in the earth. By the mighty cleaver of truth — the messages of the first, second, and third angels — He has separated them from the churches and from the world to bring them into a sacred nearness to Himself. He has made them the depositaries of His law and has committed to them the great truths of prophecy for this time. Like the holy oracles committed to ancient Israel, these are a sacred trust to be communicated to the world... **Mark 16:15**. Nothing is to be permitted to hinder this work. It is the all-important work for our time; it is to be far-reaching as eternity... Talk it, pray it, sing it, fill the world with the message of His truth, and keep pressing on into the regions beyond”. — *Counsels for the Church*, pp. 58, 59.