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itself is injured by our wrongs and blessed by our right doing. The loss of one soul will leave God forever bereft of the companionship that might have been His if that soul had been saved, and the rescue of one soul will bestow immeasurable eternal joy upon God's heart.

So what will you do with your life today, this very hour?

"I saw the universe change today," and it was by my choices and yours that it happened.

Did you see it change too?

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10) The everlasting gospel leads people to keep God's law as the outworking of the principle of love.

The everlasting gospel points to a people that "keep the commandments of God" in the third angel's message in Revelation 14 (verse 12).

Luke 23 points to believers who entombed Christ's body and rested on the Sabbath according to the "commandment" (verse 56).

11) The everlasting gospel leads people to have the faith of Jesus.

The final message of Revelation 14 points to a people who keep the "faith of Jesus" (verse 12).

Luke 23 emphasizes this same faith of Jesus in the dying words, "into Thy hands I commit My spirit" (verse 46).

12) Before Jesus returns, the everlasting gospel will be proclaimed to the entire world.

The 4th angel of Revelation 18 describes the "earth" being lightened with God's "glory" (verse 1).

In Luke 24:47, Jesus commissions His disciples to preach salvation to "all nations."

We pray that these parallels between what Christ demonstrated and Revelation prophesied will help you and many others see the book of Revelation as gospel focused and Christ centered. Amen.

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Why You Matter So Much



By Ty Gibson

Today in a little Australian town called Byron Bay I noticed a sign that says, "I saw the universe change today." Whoever wrote those words was paying attention.

According to "chaos theory," the single movement of a butterfly's wing may be the determining factor in the formation of a hurricane. According to the Bible, the movements of each individual life exert determinative effects on other lives.

As God went forward with the work of creation, only three conceivable possibilities lay before Him. He could create (1) machines, (2) slaves or (3) free moral agents. Only the third option would be consistent with the aspirations of love. So here we are, beings of huge and magnificent significance, beings who matter so much that our actions run adjacent to God's actions, as

genuinely free beings who possess the power to create effects for which we alone are the cause, and which ripple into eternity with never ending impact.

Daniel the prophet realized the weightiness of our moral influence when he said, "those that turn many to righteousness" will "shine . . . like the stars forever and ever," while others, he said, will go down in history with "shame and everlasting contempt" (Daniel 12:3). Said another way, human actions carry eternal effects.

In the wake of each person's decisions, strands of history are set in motion that otherwise would never unfold. The shape of reality itself has been and is being incrementally configured by the wondrous outworking of our wills. What you do matters immensely because what you do brings into existence one

relational dynamic after another, either positive or negative, that otherwise would not exist.

There are people who are what they are, who know what they know, who feel what they feel, fear what they fear, and love what they love because of you.

More amazing still, your "fingerprints," and mine, are upon the very heart of God. Your life, and my life, has impacted the Almighty Creator of the universe. He has known grief and pain, as well as elation and joy, because of you and me.

Jesus explained that anything I do for or against any human being registers in His heart as if done to Him. At the very least, this means that the effect of every moral action is borne by God due to His infinitely empathetic love for every person (Matthew 25:40-45). Divinity

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CONSIDER THIS . . .

In His life Jesus of Nazareth differed from all other men. His entire life was characterized by disinterested benevolence and the beauty of holiness. In His bosom existed the purest love, free from every taint of selfishness and sin. His life was perfectly harmonious. He is the only true model of goodness and perfection. From the beginning of His ministry men began more clearly to comprehend the character of God.

Up to the time of Christ's first advent, men worshiped cruel, despotic gods. Even the Jewish mind was reached through fear and not love. Christ's mission on the earth was to reveal to men that God was not a despot but a heavenly Father, full of love and mercy for His children.

Ellen G. White
Mind, Character and Personality, vol. 1, p. 183

In every human being He discerned infinite possibilities. He saw men as they might be, transfigured by His grace—in “the beauty of the Lord our God” (Psalm 90:17). Looking upon them with hope, He inspired hope, Meeting them with confidence, He inspired trust. Revealing in Himself man's true ideal, He awakened, for its attainment, both desire and faith. In His presence souls despised and fallen realized that they still were men, and they longed to prove themselves worthy of His regard. In many

a heart that seemed dead to all things holy were awakened new impulses. To many a despairing one there opened the possibility of a new life.

Ellen G. White
Education, p. 80

His messages of mercy were varied to suit His audience. He knew “how to speak a word in season to him that is weary” (Isaiah 50:4); for grace was poured upon His lips that He might convey to men in the most attractive way the treasures of truth. He had tact to meet the prejudiced minds and to surprise them with illustrations that won their attention.

Ellen G. White
The Desire of Ages, p. 254

All who profess to be children of God should bear in mind that as missionaries they will be brought into contact with all classes of minds. There are the refined and the coarse, the humble and the proud, the religious and the skeptical, the educated and the ignorant, the rich and the poor. These varied minds cannot be treated alike; yet all need kindness and sympathy. By mutual contact our minds should receive polish and refinement. We are dependent upon one another, closely bound together by the ties of human brotherhood.

Ellen G. White
The Ministry of Healing, pp. 495-496

3ABN PILLARS OF PROPHECY LIVE REPORT



By James Rafferty

Speaking at the 3ABN “Pillars of Prophecy” Spring Camp Meeting was a blessing despite my initial alacrity! Every meeting I attended proved to be insightful, the fellowship was rich and I left with a copy of Danny Shelton's new CD/DVD, *Love Rules*, which I recommend for your children or grandchildren.

My stay at 3ABN was 10 days and ended with a live program Thursday night, June 7. The focus of this final presentation was to show the place of Calvary in the prophecies of Revelation by drawing a simple parallel between the three angels' messages and Calvary (comparing Luke 23 and 24 with Revelation 14:6-12 and 18:1-4).

It is interesting that Luke's account of Jesus' death is the practical outworking of Revelation's three angels' messages. That is,

Luke's gospel shows us what the three angels' messages looks like in action—specifically in the action of Jesus and those who watched His final three hours. Here is the basic outline:

1) The salvation foundation for every believer both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament is the “everlasting gospel.”

In Revelation 14, God's last message to the world is “the everlasting gospel” (verse 6).

In Luke 23, this gospel is the final revelation of the words and actions of Jesus, “Father forgive them...” (Luke 23:34).

2) The everlasting gospel is to be proclaimed to all the world.

In Revelation 14, the gospel goes to “every nation, kindred, tongue and people” (verse 6).

In Luke 23, Jesus is crucified as the “king of the Jews,” a name proclaimed in “Greek, Latin and Hebrew” so that all nations can understand who He was (verse 38).

3) The everlasting gospel loudly points to Jesus Christ so that all have opportunity to hear and understand.

In Revelation 14, the gospel is

preached in a “loud voice” (verse 7).

In Luke 23, Jesus, as He hangs on the cross, cries out with a “loud voice” (verse 46).

4) The gospel produces a godly fear of Jehovah.

In Revelation 14, the everlasting gospel moves the heart to “fear God” (verse 7).

In Luke, when the thief on the cross experiences the gospel he says to the other thief “do you not fear God?” (verse 40).

5) The gospel elicits a response from those who encounter it.

In Revelation 14, the phrase “give glory to Him” is a response to the gospel (verse 7).

In Luke 23, the centurion “glorified God” as a response to the gospel (verse 47).

6) The gospel is also followed by a judgment first for believers and finally for unbelievers.

The “hour of His judgment” follows the gospel proclamation in Revelation 14 (verse 7).

The believing thief's judgment hour came in Luke 23 when Jesus declared, “you will be with Me in paradise” (verse 43).

7) The gospel calls the entire world to worship God.

This call to “worship Him” in Revelation 14 is a near word-for-word quotation from the 4th commandment (verse 7).

In Luke 23, Christ's disciples rest on the “Sabbath” according to the 4th commandment (verse 56).

8) The gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ runs counter to Babylon, a false religious system offering legalistic salvation by works.

The wine of Babylon's false teaching is identified in the message of the second angel in Revelation 14 (verse 8).

In Luke 23, Babylon's false teaching is seen in the thrice-repeated temptation “save yourself” (verses 35, 36, 39).

9) The Bible warns that those who reject God's gift of salvation are choosing the wages of sin/wrath of God (separation from God).

The second angel's message points to the “wrath of God” (verse 8).

In Luke 23, Jesus tasted the wrath of God by experiencing the darkness and feeling forsaken by God (verse 44).