

WHOM SHALL WE WORSHIP? AND HOW SHALL WE WORSHIP?

Copyright 2016 - <http://lookingfortheLostTruthsofJesus.org>

NOTE: - All Bible texts are taken from the King James Version; and the compiler has supplied all emphasis throughout this Study Document.

In the final warning message to this world contained in the 3rd Angel of Revelation 14, two **distinct** and **opposite** groups of people are brought to view: -

1. Those who worship the Beast and his Image and who receive the Mark of the Beast; and,

2. The saints of God who are identified as keeping the Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus.

Revelation 14:9 - 12: - "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand**, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, **who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.**"

☞ In fact the issue of **WORSHIP** is at the heart of this final conflict, as the following passages from the book of Revelation make clear. And worship is only within the field of religion.

1.) THOSE WHO WORSHIP THE BEAST AND HIS IMAGE AND WHO RECEIVE THE MARK OF THE BEAST: -

All those upon the earth shall worship the Beast system, except those whose names are retained in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Revelation 13:8: - "**And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him**, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

The Lamb-like Beast of Revelation 13:11 - 18 shall enforce upon the world the worship of the first prophetic Beast of Revelation 13.

Revelation 13:12: - "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, **and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast**, whose deadly wound was healed."

The Image to the Beast shall attempt to put to death those who do **NOT** worship it.

Revelation 13:15: - "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that **as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.**"

The Seven Last Plagues are to be poured out upon those who worship the Image of the Beast and who receive the Mark of the Beast.

Revelation 16:1 & 2: - "And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; **and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and [upon] them which worshipped his image.**"

The Satanic miracles performed by the “False Prophet” of Revelation 13:11-14 deceive those who worship the Image of the Beast and who receive the Mark of the Beast.

Revelation 19:20: - “And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, **with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image.** These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.”

2.) THOSE WHO DO NOT WORSHIP THE BEAST AND HIS IMAGE AND WHO DO NOT RECEIVE THE MARK OF THE BEAST: -

In the following verse those who do **NOT** worship the Beast and his Image, and who do **NOT** receive his Mark, are rewarded by reigning with Christ in Judgment for 1, 000 years. Please note, this group of people **ARE** the saints of God who we have already seen described under the 3rd Angel’s Message in Revelation 14:12, as keeping the Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus.

Revelation 20:4: - “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, **and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands;** and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

NOTE: - The saints who do **NOT** worship the Beast and his Image and who do **NOT** receive the Mark of the Beast, would be the people who the Image of the Beast shall attempt to put to death in Revelation 13:15.

☞ Therefore we have discovered the **KEY** that will keep us from worshipping the Beast and his Image, and from receiving the Mark of the Beast. It is to be one of the saints of God mentioned in Revelation 14:12, who keep the Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus. That is our protection.

John sees the saints of God who gain the victory over the worship of the Beast and his Image and over receiving the Mark of the Beast, reigning victoriously with Christ in heaven standing upon the Sea of Glass.

Revelation 15:2 - 4: - “**And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, [and] over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.** And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous [are] thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true [are] thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for [thou] only [art] holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.”

☞ No doubt the saints will be in perfect harmony with the holy angel’s worship of God in heaven. What do we know about the heavenly host and their heavenly worship of God?

THE HEAVENLY HOST WORSHIP THE ONLY LORD GOD: -

The hosts of heaven worship the one and only Lord God, who is the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

Nehemiah 9:6: - “**Thou, [even] thou, [art] LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all [things] that [are] therein, the seas, and all that [is] therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.**”

In the following two passages, the hosts of heaven are identified as being the angels of God.

Genesis 32:1 & 2: - “**And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. And when Jacob saw them, he said, This [is] God’s host:** and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.”

Luke 2:13 - 15: - **“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.”**

THE ANGEL’S WORSHIP OF THE LORD CONSISTS OF THEIR BEING COMMANDMENT-KEEPERS AND DOING THE LORD’S PLEASURE: -

The heavenly angels (that is, the hosts of heaven) who worship the only true God, keep his Commandments and do his pleasure.

Psalms 103:20 & 21: - **“Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the LORD, all [ye] his hosts; [ye] ministers of his, that do his pleasure.”**

IN THE ETERNAL KINGDOM OF GOD ALL THE RIGHTEOUS NATIONS SHALL COME BEFORE THE LORD TO WORSHIP HIM, EVERY SABBATH DAY -

Psalms 86:9: - **“All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.”**

Isaiah 66:22 & 23: - **“For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, [that] from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.”**

☞ **As the saints do NOT worship the Beast and his Image and do NOT receive the Mark of the Beast, it must be because they are keeping God’s Commandments; and as they are contrasted with those who do worship the Beast and his Image and those who do receive the Mark of the Beast, the worshippers of the Beast system and its apparatus must be guilty of breaking God’s Ten Commandments.**

We must understand that our Lord Jesus Christ has plainly taught us that not even the smallest letter of the Law of God is to be done away with while this present heaven and earth exists.

Matthew 5:17 - 19: - **“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”**

We must also understand that the apostle James has also plainly taught us, that if we break any one part of the Law of Ten Commandments, we are guilty of breaking the entire Moral Code.

James 2:8 - 12: - **“If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convicted of the law as transgressors. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.”**

NOTE: - In VS. 11 James refers directly to the 6th and 7th Commandments in his example concerning transgressing the Law of God – See Exodus 20:13 & 14.

A LONG ESTABLISHED TRADITION OF MAN HAS USURPED THE SABBATH OF THE LORD: -

The Fourth Commandment enforces the Seventh-day Saturday Sabbath as the Divinely appointed weekly day of rest and worship.

Exodus 20:8 - 11: - **“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, 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, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates: 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.”**

In the New Testament, the gospel writer Luke, who wrote many years after the death and resurrection of Christ, clearly distinguished between the Seventh-day Sabbath **“according to the commandment”**, and the first day of the week. Upon the Seventh-day Sabbath the disciples of Christ are to rest **“according to the commandment”**; while the first day of the week is just referred to as a common working day, without any sacred title applying to it.

Luke 23:54 - 24:1: - **“And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment. Now upon the first [day] of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain [others] with them.**

☞ **Yet most Christians keep the first day of the week – Sunday as the weekly day of rest and worship, while they disregard the Seventh-day Sabbath of the Lord. It should be stated frankly that there is NOT ONE text in the entire Bible that sanctifies or commands the followers of Christ to rest or worship upon the first day of the week. Truly this long established tradition of man has usurped one of the Ten Commandments of the Lord in the hearts and minds of the professed followers of Christ. This kind of worship of Christ is in vain according to the following words of Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 15:3 - 4 & 7 - 9: - **“But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. ... [Ye] hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with [their] lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men.”**

Mark 7:6 - 9: - **“He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with [their] lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, [as] the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.”**

NOTE: - The Commandment of God that was at issue in this controversy between Jesus and the Jewish church leaders, was the 5th Commandment: – “Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.” - Exodus 20:12. Jesus is quoting from the Septuagint Greek Version of Isaiah 29:13 in the above two texts from the Gospels. Here is the KJV translation that is based upon the Hebrew text: -

“Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near [me] with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, **and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men.”**

WE WANT TO BE TRUE WORSHIPPERS OF GOD – TO WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH: -

John 4:23 & 24: - “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth.**”

GOD’S LAW OF TEN COMMANDMENTS IS THE TRUTH: -

Nehemiah 9:13: - “Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them **right judgments, and true laws***, good statutes and commandments.”

NB: - * For “true laws” the margin has “laws of truth” which is based upon the Hebrew text.

Psalms 119:142 & 151: - “Thy righteousness [is] an everlasting righteousness, **and thy law [is] the truth.** ... Thou [art] near, O LORD; **and all thy commandments [are] truth.**”

WHEN WE ARE LED OF THE SPIRIT WE WILL FULFILL THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD’S LAW: -

Romans 8:3 & 4: - “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: **That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**”

☞ If we are to worship God in spirit and in truth, which is the only form of worship acceptable to him, we must walk in obedience to all of God’s Commandments. This is the worship that the holy angels in heaven offer to the Lord; and it is what the saints of Revelation 14:12 offer to the Lord in contrast to those who worship the Beast system and all its apparatus.

WHOM SHALL WE SERVE?

Romans 6:16: - “**Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey;** whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”

- **We can worship the Beast and his Image and receive the Mark of the Beast; or we can worship God in spirit and in truth, by keeping the Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. The choice is up to each one of us.**

JOSHUA 24:15: - “... as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”