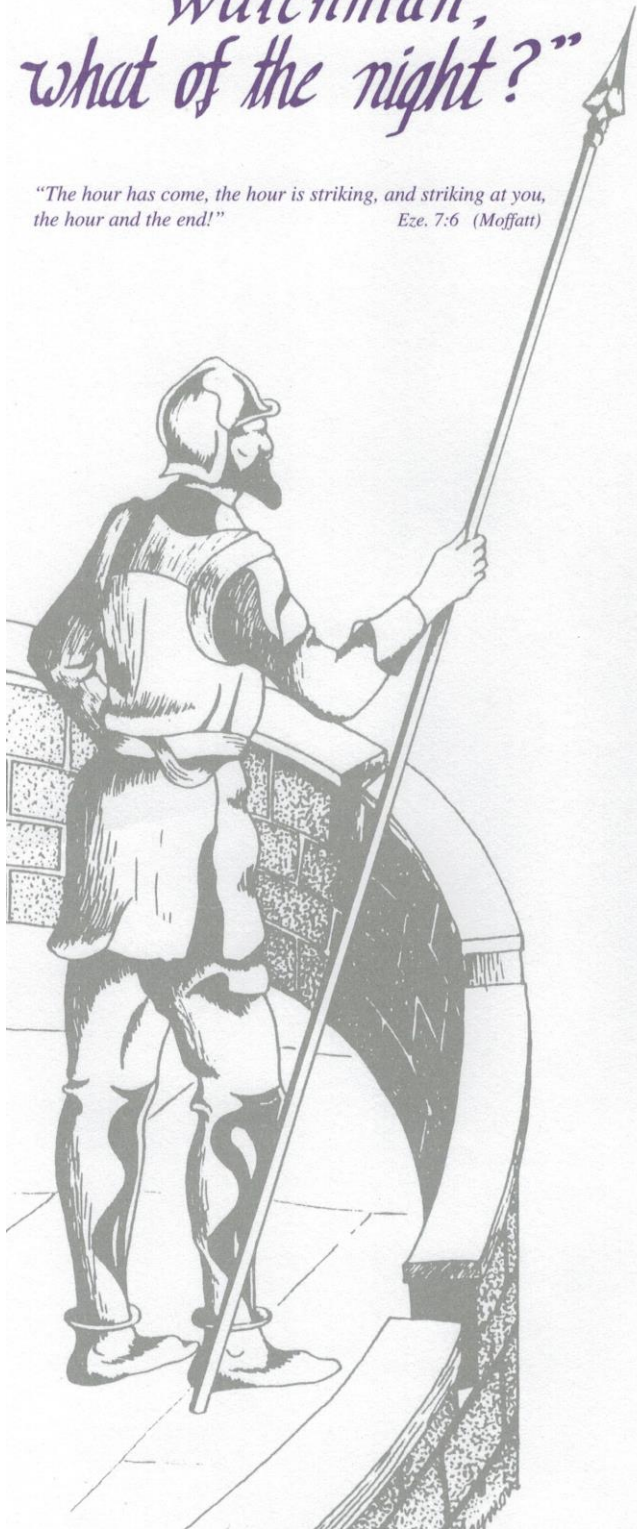


*"Watchman,
what of the night?"*

*"The hour has come, the hour is striking, and striking at you,
the hour and the end!"*

Eze. 7:6 (Moffatt)



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Editor's Preface

With this issue of WVN we are continuing our series of an inexhaustible theme concerning the Divine viewpoint revealed in the book of Hebrews and Ezekiel, and although we may be concluding with part 3 for Ezekiel, it will be necessary to keep this ever in focus in further issues. For us here at the Australian Foundation; which is nearing its 23rd year of continued work for the cause of present truth, we praise God for His unfailing blessings and protection during the past years, and also for a deeper understanding of His **"new and living way"** (Heb. 10:20 cf. Ps. 77:13).

When we follow Christ; who is **"the way, the truth, and the life..."** (Jn.14:6) we will experience truth that is not only progressive (Prov. 4:18, Heb. 6:1) but also must face a certain loneliness that inevitably follows. For **"the way"** which many call heresy (Acts 24:14) is **"strait...and narrow...and few there be that find it."** (Matt. 7:14) This **"way"** (Acts 19:23) that Paul spoke of confirmed **"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..."** (Rom. 1:16) John also confirming: **"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."** (Jn. 17:17)

There is the gospel of Christ which is in verity the **"Everlasting Gospel"** (Rev. 14:6), and then there is **"another gospel"** (Gal. 1:6-7) that has a curse pronounced against those who teach it (vs. 8). How does one know which one is the true? Paul certified to the Galatians that **"I neither received it of man, neither was**

I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." (vs. 12) This gospel that he received from Jesus Christ was the chief point and theme that he focused on throughout his ministry; a message "not after man" (Gal.1:11), Jesus "A priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec"... "A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man"... "not made with hands" (Heb. 5:5, 8:2, 9:11). This gospel, having no thread of human devising is the only antidote against other false gospels. #

"Review, and then Review again, and Review all that you've Reviewed"

An Inexhaustible Theme – The Divine Viewpoint Revealed in the Book of Hebrews Pt. 4

In WWN 8(03) Elder Grotheer while commenting on Hebrews 9:8 and 10:20 wrote:

"The introduction of the concept of the "way" also needs consideration. It was used by Luke, a companion of Paul, in the historical record of Acts. It is first noted in Paul's attempt to eradicate the Christian faith in Damascus. He received letters from the high priest in Jerusalem to bring bound from the synagogue at Damascus any "of the way" (9:2, margin). During Paul's ministry in Ephesus, he "separated the disciples" from those in the synagogue who "spake evil of the way" (19:9). What constituted "the way" became the testing truth of Paul's ministry in the establishment of the Christian Church in Ephesus. The continued proclamation of the gospel in Ephesus resulted in "no small stir about the way" (19:23). [The text indicates "the way" rather than "that way" as in the KJV] When in Jerusalem after his rescue from the Jews who sought to kill him, Paul reviewed for the mob his former zeal for Judaism declaring that he persecuted to the death those who followed "this way" (22:4). When making his defense before Felix, Paul confessed "that after the way which {they} (the Jews) call heresy, so worship I the God

of my fathers, believing all things written in the law and the prophets" (24:14). *More study needs to be given to the gospel as proclaimed by Paul, called "the way" in Acts, and the emphasis on that "way" as given in the book of Hebrews. This all echoes the message found in Psalms "Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary" (Ps. 77:13).*" (Reprinted from WWN, Ozone, Arkansas, USA emphasis supplied).

In the Nov-Dec issue we made reference to Psalms 77:13, although the emphasis and the direction the thought paper has been going beginning with the very first issue last July has been about this very "way" or message which remains an "Inexhaustible Theme" for the times to which we have come.

Elder M.L. Andreasen wrote in The Sanctuary Service:

"In it (the sanctuary) the gospel is foreshadowed and some of the deep things of God revealed. Christians would do well to study more diligently the sanctuary and its services. They contain precious lessons for the devout student. Too many have failed to give study to Christ's high priestly ministry and his session at the right hand of God. *They are not acquainted with Him as High Priest, [or in fact the Man in Linen] though this work is the very essence of Christianity, the heart of the atonement.*" [p. 8 emphasis supplied]

Thayer in his Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament while commenting on εὐαγγέλιον translated as "everlasting" in Rev. 14:6 writes this - "a gospel whose subject matter is eternal, i.e. the saving purpose of God adopted from eternity...without end, never to cease, everlasting."

Henceforth the need for the thought paper to commence with an "Inexhaustible Theme" the age long or Everlasting Gospel. This eternal purpose of God concerns our Great High Priest "after the order of Melchizedek" (Ps. 110:4) who hath "appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." (9:26) The Everlasting Gospel of Christ,

known as **"the way"** whom Paul received directly from its Author and set out in detail in his letter to the Hebrews is the only safe way when encountering other false ways/gospels. Christ who gave it to Paul gives us an understanding mind for it. (See 1 Jn. 5:20) Herein some of the deep things of God, **"hard to be understood"** (2 Pet. 3:16) are revealed; a Divine Mandate!

Please observe carefully a Divine viewpoint in the context of chapters five and six two immutable things referring to Christ; the Author and **"forerunner"** of **"the way"**:

1. **"Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee.** (Heb. 5:5)
2. **Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.** (v. 6)

Observe further -

"That by two immutable (unchangeable- margin) things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." (Heb. 6:18-20)

Now some may respond (as did a Conference President to this editor did) that the **"two immutable things"** are defined in the prior verse (Heb. 6:17) #1 being the **"immutability of his counsel"** and #2 being the **"oath"**, without being able to explain it further. On the surface this interpretation is only partly correct because it lacks precision - **"rightly dividing the word of truth"** (2 Tim. 2:15)

What was the **"counsel"** during that heavenly assize that was **"between them both"**? (Zech. 6:13) - **"I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I**

begotten thee." (cf. Ps. 2:7 Heb. 5:5 emphasis supplied)

And what was his oath?

"The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." (Heb. 5:6 cf. Ps. 110:4 underscore added).

These key dictums all tie in with identifying the Man in Linen and its close relationship with the Three Angels Messages wherein is contained the Everlasting Gospel. Let this not be misunderstood, the Everlasting Gospel reveals a system of truth, pure and unadulterated, to which even a child can understand. (See Matt. 11:25-26)

In using the analogy from the book of Acts there are not a few who speak evil of this **"way"**, it also created **"no small stir"** in the community of Adventism. Contained in the Everlasting Gospel is truth filled warnings for us now, this is what the Three Angels Messages is about, revealing God's design on how He will resolve the sin problem. The age-long **"way"** of salvation has ever been to save us from sin, and **NOT** in it! Enemy hirelings (i.e. Evangelicals) called it **"heresy"**, a new system was formulated, **"Books of a new order"** (1SM. p. 204) were written creating a modern day **"image of jealousy"** (Eze. 8:3).

If we detach ourselves from Him that called us unto another gospel, which undermines the very fundamentals of the Everlasting Gospel bequeathed as a sacred trust to Laodicea, and remain in Laodicea which has consigned the **"two immutable things"** on the altar of compromise the Man in Linen who marks a mark will pass us by and we will be **"cut off"** (Lev. 23:29).

Jesus Christ consecrated a **"way"** (Heb.10:20) for those who enter in at the **"door"** (Jn. 10:9). The sum of the matter is simple: we are given an anchor, a sure foundation in Christ our Great High Priest, clothed in linen, who overcame sin in the flesh and who has obtained a more excellent ministry, being

a mediator of a better covenant, with better promises. (See Heb. 8:6) Therefore, the types reveal what and how this Man in Linen is making atonement now for our uncleanness' individually as typified in Leviticus 16. In fact, Jesus said **"He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment."** (Jn. 5:24 margin, emphasis supplied)

When the mark of Man in Linen in Ezekiel 9, the change of raiment in Zechariah 3, and the new covenant that Paul referred to in Hebrews (8:10, 10:16); comprising God's Ten Commandments, are realized then will be brought to pass the realization of the Everlasting Gospel - the proclamation will be given - **"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."** (Rev. 14:12 See also Rom. 8:19) These saints are not trying, they keep His commandments, being **"men wondered at"** (Zech. 3:8) by those who flout the gospel of Christ!

Paul clearly warned us that **"we must pay the closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it."** (Heb. 2:1 RSV) {To be continued} #

The "man clothed with linen" in the Book of Ezekiel Pt. 3

Keil & Delitzsch makes this insightful comment on Ezekiel 9:

"It has been inferred from this, that the figure clothed in white linen was the angel of Jehovah, who appears as the heavenly high priest, to protect and care for his own. In support of this, the circumstance may be also adduced, that the man whom Daniel saw above the water of the Tigris, and whose appearance is described, in Daniel 10:5-6, in the same manner as that of Jehovah in Ezekiel 1:4, Ezekiel 1:26-27, and that of the risen Christ in Revelation 1:13-15, appears clothed in בדים (Dan 10:5; Dan 12:6-7).." (Keil & Delitzsch Commentary on the Old Testament).

Taking this point further, Ezekiel in the 8th chapter writes: **"the hand of the Lord God fell there upon me."** Then he **"beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber."** In verse 4 of chapter 1 when Ezekiel first saw the **"visions of God"** (V. 1) he beholds a **"whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire."** (1:4, emphasis added)

Nehemiah writing about **"the Lord the God"** (9:7 - Yahweh Elohim) says **"Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go. Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai...And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst..."** (9:12-13, 15, emphasis supplied)

Paul in his first letter to the believers in Corinth wrote **"Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud...And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ."** (10:1-4, emphasis supplied)

Therefore based on the Scripture passages outlined we can conclude that the titles - Angel of the Lord, man clothed in linen, High Priest after the order of Melchisedec, & even **"that certain saint"** in Daniel 8:13 are all one and the same referring to Christ, for the same One who was asked **"how long"** in this verse is the same One who is asked the same question in 12:6 being the **"man clothed in linen"**.

Following Ezekiel being shown an **"image of jealousy"** (8:3) He was told he would see **"greater abominations"** (8:15) than what he saw previously.

These were twenty five elders **“with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.”** (V. 16) At this point we must ask ourselves some questions - (1) what are these prophetic scenes meant to teach us today? (2) By refusing to believe that a dual atonement is of **"necessity" & "necessary"**; (Hebrews 8:3, 9:23) that can be proven from the Book of Hebrews, are many thereby turning their backs on our Great High Priest who is in the real temple of the Lord?

The image of jealousy and turnabout of those who were given a sacred truth provokes a response by the God of Israel moving to the threshold of the house. Ezekiel beheld Him calling to the **"man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side"** (9:3) saying **“set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry”** (v. 4) because of **“greater abominations”**.

This image provokes God to jealousy, for He, with His own finger did write - **“Thou shalt have no other gods before me...Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image...for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God.”** (Exo. 20:3-5) This image as seen by Ezekiel in chapter 8 was a warning for those who were marked with a mark by the man clothed in linen in the following chapter. This, as well as the warning of the third Angel in Revelation 14:9 regarding the **“beast and his image”** remains a warning of paramount consequences for us. The Scriptural facts are simple; it is a matter of **“worship”!** [ibid.] This being the case, the very idea that this warning; (regarding worship) relating to a day is unfounded. The reason is simple, whether it is Sunday, Friday, or Saturday the three monotheistic religions will tell you ‘who’ they worship on this day, and not the day itself.

Now some may not like the ensuing parallels, but we have already been told by Sister White that those who were sighing and crying in the ninth chapter were because of the abominations in the church (i.e. the Laodicean church, see 3T. p. 266) Beginning with the first chapter of Ezekiel through

to the ninth, Ezekiel asked God one question. In modern language could it not read: Is the church, the Laodicean church going through? (See 9:8) Can we not honestly ask ourselves this question, based on the prophetic picture given to Ezekiel? It all gets back to not what I or anyone else may say, but what the God of Israel, and the Man in Linen are saying in these prophetic parallels?

Is not the same description pictured concerning conditions of Laodicea who are spued because they are lukewarm? In either case they have turned their backs on the temple of the Lord. Today this applies to none other than the Sanctuary Message with the denial of the dual atonement; which is also a denial of the Man in Linen. Laodicea feels rich and increased with goods with the message that ‘Jesus loves you’. What also further sustains their lukewarmness is the premise that Christ saves us in our sins, having no need of Christ as High Priest who accomplishes a cleansing for us, thereby preparing His people so as to come **“without sin unto salvation.”** (Heb. 9:28)

Our enemy’s primary concern has ever been to sink man into sin, and keep him there, which he knew necessitated a denial God’s plan to resolve the sin problem; i.e. the sanctuary service types, and their antitypical fulfillment. Rather than being on fire for God, cleansed with **“coals of fire”** (10:2, see also Isa. 6:5-7) and sanctified through the truth, Laodicea is found opposing truth by the precept and example of the foolish Virgins! (See Matt. 25)

How are we to understand the term **“they worshipped the sun toward the east”**? Ancient Sun worship is a historical fact, and was a god that was worshiped in heathendom. The Devil who desires to be worshiped deceives people to worship the Sun. Is therefore the worship of anyone or thing, other than He who made the worship of Satan? Yes, he is the god of this world, the god who created the worship of the Sun. Who then is worshiped on Sunday? The same enemy! For Jesus Christ is **“Lord also of the Sabbath”**. (Mk. 2:28) Therefore the true Lords day is the seventh,

because this or He can and never will change. But I reiterate again it is not the day, it is over who is worshiped, for the admonition to **"worship him that made"** (Rev. 14:7) preceded the warning concerning the worship of the image. Is this a recurring image that provokes God to jealousy?

The Little Horn claims to have **"transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday."** [The Converts Catechism of Catholic Doctrine p. 50] But even this according to the Catechism is not the main pillar or foundation. However - **"The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life."** **"the Holy Trinity has been at the very root of the Church's living faith..."** **"there is only one God..."** [Catechism of the Catholic Church p. 62, 66, 54 par. 234, 249, 200]

Observe further - **"There is one God..."** [Seventh-day Adventist Believe p. 23, Fundamental #2, 2nd Ed.] Therefore when the Laodicean church accepted, and later voted for the first time, during the General Conference session in Dallas, TX. In 1980 the blasphemous Trinity doctrine; it officially turned its back on the temple of the Lord. In turn Laodicea now worships the god, who was jealous of Christ, and who gave to the Little Horn his power to create a masterpiece of deception with regard to the truth of the Godhead. This enemy of truth is ill concerned which day he is worshiped on. [Request free- the "Masterpiece of Deception"]

The Devil wanted to **"be like the most High"**. (Isa. 14:14) Paul said it was he who **"exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."** (2 Thess. 2:4) Yes, there is one god, as both the Little Horn and Laodicea admits, but the terrifying reality is that it is the **"great dragon...that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world."** (Rev. 12:9)

Therefore it is of vital importance that we explore in forthcoming issues the **"two immutable things,**

in which it was impossible for God to lie" (Heb. 6:18). It is far evident that there is a Divine interconnection between these **"two immutable things"** [ibid], and the top rung of the ladder; the Godhead. We need to know it! (See 2 Thess. 1:8) **"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"** (Heb. 2:3) {Concluded} #

Other Developments – Let's talk it over

U.S. Supreme Court Ruling - Friday the 26th of June 2015 witnessed the 5-4 ruling in the Supreme Court legalizing homosexual marriage across all fifty States.

Luke recorded Jesus as saying - **"And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man...Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot...Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."** (17:26-30) The signs of the times are unmistakable!

Luke recorded yet further a specific prophecy that Jesus Himself gave, and it relates to our time. In fact if you were living at the time of the Arab-Israeli Six-Day War of June 1967, you comprise the generation which **"shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled."** (Luke 21:32) Said Jesus - **"Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."** (v. 24) [For further study request the manuscript "The Hour and the End"]

What is noteworthy is that while these events were transpiring in the U.S., terror attacks were taking place in Kuwait, Tunisia, and France. The fact that God is withdrawing His Spirit from the earth is evidenced from the daily news reporting **"distress of nations, with perplexity...Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth..."** (Luke 21:25-26) At the time of this writing there is to be expected a major financial correction - keep this in mind with V. 26.

Yet there is hope for whosoever **"looketh"** (Num. 21:8). **"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."** (Luke 21:28) My dear Brother and Sister the counsel of Jesus admonishes us to look to that redemptive service in the heavenly that was bequeathed to Paul as the Everlasting Gospel!

“locusts” - This past July the Telegraph in the UK published an article captioned “Islamic State takes sledgehammer to 'irreplaceable' ancient Palmyra ruins”. The pictures depict ISIS militants destroying historic statues. Now what is of particular interest is the long hair and if there is any prophetic significance.

To view the article see:

[<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/islamic-state/11714448/Islamic-State-takes-sledgehammer-to-irreplaceable-ancient-Palmyra-ruins.html>]

Revelation chapter 8 begins with the opening of the 7th seal. Here John beholds 7 angels standing before God and being given 7 trumpets. Now as we move on into the 9th chapter John beholds a star fall from heaven unto the earth, which has the key to the bottomless pit. He then beholds this fallen star open the pit, and when he does smoke rises out of the pit that produces **“locusts”** (v. 3) who have power like that of scorpions.

Notice verses 4-5: **“And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads... [Does this not parallel Ezekiel 9?] and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.”**

Further describing these locusts John writes: **“And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle...and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women”** (Rev. 9:7-8 italics supplied). Notice also: **“And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails”** (Rev. 9:10).

These Locusts have characteristics similar to Scorpions, and were given power like those on earth. (See v. 3) And when we think of Locusts we often associate them traveling in swarms, and destroying everything in their path. John also states that **“their faces were as the faces of men.”** (v. 7) These Locusts strike terror into those who have not the seal of God causing them to seek and desire to die. (See v. 6) The stings of Scorpions occur suddenly and without warning, and can produce a mortal wound, with painful impact, and strike terror into man. They also have a **“king”** (v. 11) over them, whose very name is Apollyon; meaning destroyer. Lest we forget, the angel of the Lord said concerning Ishmael **“And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him;**

and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren. (Gen. 16:12)

Think it over, and **“study”** (2 Tim. 2:15) herein is the very purpose for a thought paper. *TR*

From a reader in the States -

“Dear Brother, keep doing this marvelous work. This last thought paper is a gem of truth and I can tell that the enemy doesn't like it. Even though I am familiar with the concept of the Man in linen there is the matter of personal application in one's life in relation to his work. Many may read the thought paper but how many will apply its essential teaching in relation to abstaining from self-righteousness? This is the message of the hour it is clear and concise. There is much confusion within and outside of Laodicean circles regarding this matter of the Sealing of God's people and this thought paper clearly brings into line the righteousness by faith in relation to the Final Atonement. It's an elusive concept for most Laodiceans who are now caught up in the love gospel of Jesus saves, but they cannot explain how, since they improperly assume that the cross resolved the sin problem without the Final Atonement. Then there is the flip-side, the error of faith and works that will earn you the Seal of God. That is why Brother L states that it's all about the Man in linen, of course it is, it's about His Sealing of you and I and all who love truth in this dark hour of earth's history. It's a final destiny issue. Brother E.” (Editors emphasis)

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