

First Angel Message

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Revelation 14:6

- *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*

Revelation 14:7

- *Saying with a loud voice: “Fear God and give glory to Him for the hour of His judgment is come and worship Him that made heavens and earth and the sea and the fountains of water”.*

Characteristics of the message

- Is the everlasting gospel
- Is flying with the angel
- Is in the mist of heaven
- Will go to everyone on the earth
- Is proclaimed with a loud voice

Major sections of the message

- Fear God
- Give glory to Him
- The hour of His judgment is come
- Worship Him that made heavens and earth and the sea and the fountains of water.

1. Fear God

- Fear –noun

- 1. an unpleasant often strong emotion caused by anticipation or awareness of danger
- 2. anxious concern
- 3. profound reverence and awe especially toward God
- 4. reason for alarm

- Fear – verb

- To be afraid of, expect with alarm – fear the worst
- To have a reverential awe of – fear God

- <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/fear>

1. Fear God

- Fearing God is associated with a godly conduct. Joseph (Gen 42:18) and Job (Job 1:9)
- Christians are called to fear God (1 Peter 2:17).
- Fearing God is not compatible with oppressing others (Lev 25:17), taking usury (Lev 25: 36), or transgression (Ps. 36:1).
- Ps 66:16 *Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he had done for my soul.*
- Ecclesiastes 12:13 *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments: this is the whole duty of man.*

2. Give glory to Him

- 1a. praise, honor, or distinction extended by common consent
- 1b. worshipful praise, honor, and thanksgiving giving *glory* to God
- 2. something that secures praise or renown or a distinguished quality or asset
- 3. a state of great gratification or exaltation or a height of prosperity or achievement
- 4. great beauty and splendor or something marked by beauty or resplendence
- <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/glory>

2 Give glory to Him

- Romans 4:20 *...was strong in faith, giving glory to God,*
- Isaiah 42: 12 *Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare His praises in the islands;*
- Joshua 7:19 *... My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the Lord God of Israel, and make confession unto Him, and tell me now what thou hast done, hide it not from me.*

3. The hour of His judgment is come

- Every sin is written in a book Jer 2:22
- Every person will need to pass through judgment 2Cor 5:10
 - Believers Rom 14:12
 - Non-believers Rev 20:12
- Judgment will begin with the believers 1Peter 4:17

4. Worship Him

- Worship – verb
 - **1:** to honor or show reverence for as a divine being or supernatural power
 - **2:** to regard with great or extravagant respect, honor, or devotion

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/worship>

Revelation 3: 15, 17

- *15. I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot...*
- *17. Because thou sayest I am rich, and increase with goods and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.*

4. Worship Him

- True worship will change us because when we worship God we come into His presence.
 - Yes we need to dress properly for the worship.
 - Yes we need to adopt a respectful position of the body when we come to worship God.
 - More than anything we need to realize in our minds that when we worship we come in the very presence of God

4. Worship Him

- When we come to worship:
 - There needs to be a willingness for worship.
 - There needs to be a physical and spiritual preparation for the worship.
 - There needs to be a right attitude of the body and mind
 - There needs to be change of heart when, while, and after we worship.
 - There needs to be a renewal while we worship

Exodus 20 : 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

- 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 separate them from the churches and from the world to bring them into 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 the ancient Israel, these are a sacred trust to be communicated to the world.
 - E.G. White - Counsels for the Church, p.58