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WHAT WE MAY BE IF WE WORK WITH GOD UND LET HIM WORK WITH US
HEN DOES THE JUDGMENT OF THE JUNG COMMENCE?
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9. "As to the time of the commencement of the Judgment of the Living, see The Answer Book No. 1, pp. 94, 95, and The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 2, p. 220 which says: '...when the seal is opened, and the Judgment of the Living begins, we must know it... The date of that glorious event...will be made known at the fulfilment of Revelation 8:5."

The foregoing statements clearly set forth Brother Houtess's explanation of what he wrote in the literature pertaining to the subject of the Judgment of the Living. It should now be clear, understood by all Davidians that we are living in a most solemn time. Indeed, for each of us personally, we are living in the most important part of the judgment of the church—that part is which we ourselves are now deciding either to eat the "butter" and "honey" and thereby learn to "choose the good and refuse the evil" ("sigh and cry for the abominations"), or we are deciding not to do it and thus not to receive the "mark." We are thus deciding our own cases.

In the investigative Judgment (which comes later), God does not arbitrarily pass judgment on people, but He judges them, instead, according to how they have or have not kept pace with the light, as the study of the Seven Seals shows Therefore, we are now living in that part of the Judgment which we ourselves must decide and

which actually determines our ultimate destiny just as the antediluvians themselves decided their own destiny millenniums before their cases came up in judicial session in the Sanctuary.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all My statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?

"But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

"Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not My

way equal? are not your ways unequal? When a righteous man turneth away from his righteon ness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not My ways equal? are not your ways unequal? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin." Ezek. 18: 20-30.

In the soon-coming day of reckoning when the slaughtering angels will be sent on their sad mission, may they find each of us with the "man (living not in sin) and thus be spared to fill our place in the Kingdom of peace, righteousness, and love forever.

Our attention now should be engrossed in conforming our lives to the Truth that we may be eligible to receive the "mark" and thus "make our calling and election sure." For if we receive the mark we may be sure that when the Lord investigates our records He will retain our names

in the Book of Life and blot out our sins and change our hearts, etc. (Ezek. 36).

READING FOR THE MONTH RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTARY

The following References are recommended for your personal reading:

- The Symbolic Code, Vol. 10, No. 9, July-August, 1955, pp. 3-12, article entitled "Measure Yourself--Are You A Davidian Indeed?"
- The Answerer, Book No. 2, pp. 53-57, article entitled "Why Not Making Better Progress?"
- 3. The Symbolic Code, Vol. II, No. 10.
 August, 1956, pp. 3-16, article entitled
 "What Makes One Eligible?"

To summarize, "...knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed...put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." Rom. 13:11, 14.

OUR ENDEAVOR

For Christ is our endeavor, Our hearts to Him belong; His presence cheers us ever; His love inspires our song;

We come in youth's bright morning, Obedient to His Word,. And seek for our adorning, The beauty of the Lord.

In fulness of His blessing,
Good work for Him we'll do;
His name with joy confessing,
His standard bearers true;

And He will never fail us,
Whatever may betide;
Tho' danger should assail us,
In Him we safe abide.

So with youth's ardor showing, We form a Christian band; The mind of Jesus knowing, We for His honor stand;

For He is our Endeavor,
And to Him we belong,
Whose grace shall fail us never,
Whose love inspires our song.

--F. Gordon